



Project Fact Sheet

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Promotion of Biogas in Eastern Europe – Mobilisation of Decision Makers and Training of Farmers (BiG>East)

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Objective:	Promote biogas production and utilisation in the target countries of East and South Europe
Benefits:	Identifying the most promising biogas input for each of the targeted countries given the national legal, economic and social framework Developing of Training Manuals and training for farmers Development of Biogas Show Cases for Eastern Europe
Keywords:	Biogas utilisation and production Farmers, biogas plant operators, decision makers Mobilisation campaigns
Duration:	09/2007 – 02/2010
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Short description

The objective of BiG>East is to promote the production and use of biogas as a secure and sustainable energy source in six target countries of Eastern and Southern Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia and Greece. This will be achieved by knowledge transfer from biogas experts of Western Europe (Germany, Denmark and Austria) to farmers, biogas plant operators and decision makers in Eastern Europe. Thereby, BiG>East will increase both the quality and the number of installed biogas plants in the target countries.

Expected and/or achieved results

The main results that BiG>East expects to achieve are outputs of its activities organised in 8 work packages:

- In each of the target countries a detailed **study on the biogas potential** will be elaborated.
- **Studies on barriers** (policies, financing, administrative, legislative, etc.) against the implementation of biogas technology in the target countries will be developed.
- A **training handbook** for farmers will be elaborated in English and translated to national languages of the target countries.

- **Training courses for farmers** will be organised and implemented in each target country.
- Promising sites for the set-up of new biogas plants will be defined and presented as **show cases** to decision makers in all target countries.
- **Mobilization campaigns** will be organised in all target countries in order to convince decision makers and funding bodies to support dedicated biogas projects.
- **Dissemination workshops** and **technical study tours** for farmers and biogas plant operators will be organised.

Lessons learnt

This project has just started. It is therefore too early to draw lessons.

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