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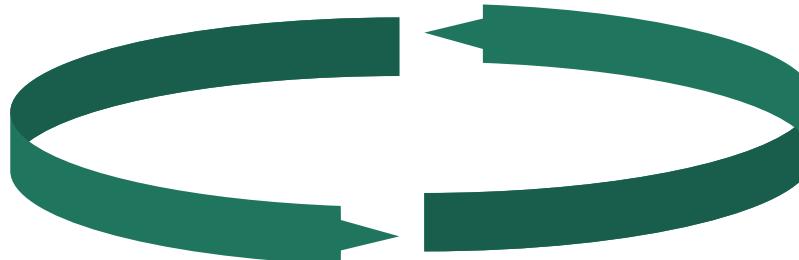


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PROJECT GOAL



Food
Waste



Agrofood
Industry



Renewable
Energy

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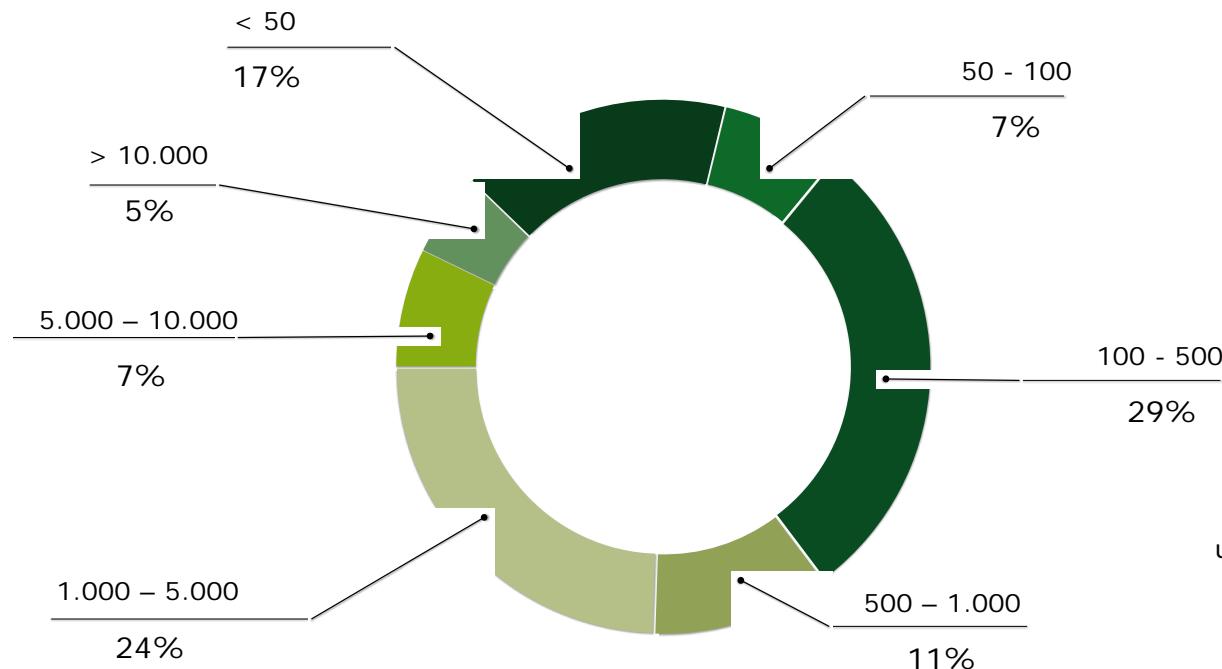
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QUESTIONNAIRES

Biogas³ consortium filled out more than 150 questionnaires from European food industries



Mean = 1950 tons a year

1950 tons of MWh

Milk whey 134

Tomato peels 590

Ruminal content 209

unit of measure

t year⁻¹

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FROM QUESTIONNAIRES DATA TO DISSEMINATION



Biogas³ Handbook

A tool to disseminate the project info and anaerobic digestion technology was designed. Biogas³ handbook will be used as material for training and for face to face meetings with agrifood companies.



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FROM QUESTIONNAIRES DATA TO FEASIBILITY STUDY

The screenshot shows the 'Edit study' section of the Smallbiogas web application. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'New study', 'My studies', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation is a decorative flowchart illustrating the biogas production process. The main area contains a form titled 'Type of substrate' with the number '12' above it. The form includes fields for 'Category' (set to 'Manure | Pig'), 'Substrate data' (with dropdowns for 'DM/CH4 (t/t)', 'CH4 (t)', 'N (kg/t)', 'NH4+ (kg/t)', and 'Ratio C/N (t)'), and 'Amount of substrate (t/year)' (with dropdowns for 'Cost (€/t)', 'Distance (km)', and 'Add substrate'). There's also a 'List of substrates' table with three entries: 'Waste storage | Dust silo waste' (amount 43, mature 0), 'Other harvesting waste | Discarded grain' (amount 17, mature 0), and 'Milling Industry | Wheat bran' (amount 526, mature 0). At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT >'. The right side of the screen has vertical teal bars with the numbers '3', '4', and '5' on them. At the bottom left is a small 'biogas³' logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Union' next to the EU flag.



Smallbiogas

Questionnaires data gathered from stakeholders were used to setup Smallbiogas®, a web application that provides Business plans for agrifood industries interested in building a small-scale biogas plant.

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Viability report		
Economic viability analysis. Financial study of the investment project.		
Financing		
Subsidies	0,00	€
Own funding	319.461,37	€
Loans	745.409,87	€
Percentage of subsidies	0,00	%
Percentage of own funding	30,00	%
Percentage of loan	70,00	%
Interest rate of loan	4,70	%
Financial indicators		
Gross operating profit or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	127.269,69	€/year
Net present value (NPV)	179.075,68	€
NPV/initial investment	0,168	-
Internal return rate (IRR)	2,33	%
Payback period	8,37	years
Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)	5,90	%
Capital Recovery Factor (CRF)	10,23	%

102 kWe
CHP plant



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Environmental viability analysis

Primary energy obtained from the recovery of the biogas	1.119,78	MWh/year
Savings of CO ₂ emissions	311,30	t/year
Savings in artificial fertilizers	57508,8	kgN/year
Utilization of the digestate in Cultivation area required for application of digestate	Vulnerable area	
	338,29	ha



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THE POWER OF SUBSIDY

WET Model (with CHP)	Italy	Spain	Ireland	France	Sweden	Germany	Poland
30 kW no subsidies sale of energy	4,56	>15	11,4	>15	>15	>15	>15
30 kW 30% subsidies sale of energy	3,19	>15	7,98	11,01	>15	10,54	13,36
60 kW no subsidies self consumption	8,8	8,29	>15	>15	>15	14,14	>15
60 kW no subsidies sale of energy	5,33	>15	13,3	>15	>15	14,37	>15
60 kW 30% subsidies self consumption	6,16	5,8	12,26	>15	>15	9,9	>15
60 kW 30% subsidies sale of energy	3,73	>15	9,31	12,9	>15	10,06	>15
100 kW no subsidies self consumption	10,94	6,47	12,79	>15	>15	9,01	>15
100 kW no subsidies sale of energy	7	>15	10,17	>15	>15	9,09	>15
100 kW 30% subsidies self consumption	7,66	4,53	8,96	>15	>15	6,31	>15
100 kW 30% subsidies sale of energy	4,9	>15	7,12	11,71	>15	6,37	>15

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CONCLUSIONS

Reached goals

More than 150 questionnaires filled in from agrofood industries

More than 70 questionnaires filled in from plant and components providers

Smallbiogas tool calibrated

Handbook Biogas³

Following steps

Handbook biogas³ translation for dissemination among industries

Webinar, workshop, face to face meetings, face to face trainings

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