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REGATRACE (Renewable Gas Trade Centre in Europe) aims to create an efficient trade system based on issuing and trading biomethane/renewable gases Guarantees of Origin (GoO). This will strongly contribute to the uptake of the European common biomethane market.

### News from the biomethane world

#### Regatrace: an important resource for the new European Commission Biomethane Action Plan

As part of its REPowerEU plan, the European Commission proposed on the 18th of May a Biomethane Action Plan exploring the actions that could be envisaged to achieve the target of 35 bcm annual biomethane production by 2030. Among these actions, the European Commission highlights the necessary support to innovative solutions and research such as the REGATRACE project.

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#### OMV unit launches CEGH GreenGas Platform

Central European Gas Hub AG, a fully consolidated company of OMV Group, launches the CEGH GreenGas Platform for the marketing of green gases, such as biogas and green hydrogen, in Austria.

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#### Q1 Statistics of the ERGaR CoO Scheme

ERGaR is pleased to announce its statistics of the first quarter 2022 of the CoO Scheme. In total, the number of transfers totaled more than 200 (as opposed to 11 in Q4 of 2021), while the amount transferred was more than 430 GWh (compared to 30 GWh in Q4 of 2021).

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#### Ara Partners acquires FNX LNG to form a European biomethane platform

Ara Partners, a private equity firm specialised in industrial decarbonisation investments, has acquired the Spanish company FNX Liquid Natural Gas to form Cycle0 Group, a European biomethane platform.

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### News from the project

#### New REGATRACE deliverable on long-terms visions and roadmaps

Last April, REGATRACE WP6 (Support for biomethane uptake) published a new report. This document defines a shared strategic vision and a roadmap in the Target countries (BE, ES, IE, IT, LT, PL, and CZ) and in Supported ones (EL, EE, FI, LV, UA, and SI), with the aim to promote the market development of biomethane.

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#### New REGATRACE deliverable on Hot-Spots for renewable gas production in Regatrace countries

REGATRACE WP5 (WP5 – Integrated assessment and sustainable feedstock mobilisation strategies), aims at identifying promising concepts and regions for biomethane (both from anaerobic digestion and gasification) and power-to-methane production. As part of this work, the WP has published a comprehensive report on the status quo of biomethane production in REGATRACE countries as well as the specific preconditions of the respective countries and regions to increase production capacities in the future. The Deliverable D5.2 is available on the REGATRACE website.

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### Country news

#### AUSTRIA

##### Biomethane – Now is the right time

The Austrian biomethane and gas industry recognises REPowerEU as an exceptional opportunity to implement renewable gases.

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#### AUSTRIA

##### Austria launches green gas trading platform

The Central European Gas Hub (CEGH) launched its GreenGas Platform for green gases such as biomethane and green hydrogen in Austria with gradual expansion planned to Central and Eastern Europe.

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#### BELGIUM

##### Biomethane in Belgium

After the announcement last month of the Commission that 35 BCM in Europe should be developed by 2030, the Walloon government has expressed its interest to investigate, in the coming months, how biomethane production in Wallonia can be activated. An electronic registry for guarantees of origin for biomethane and the adaptation of the legal framework will be part of this activation.

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#### CZECH REPUBLIC

##### Biogas to biomethane projects are becoming increasingly interesting for the Czech market

While in the Czech Republic biogas is mostly used for electricity and heat production, many countries in Western Europe are purifying it in large quantities to natural gas quality, so-called biomethane. The first projects of this type are already in operation in the Czech Republic, allowing biomethane to be injected into the gas grid or used, for example, as a transport fuel. Experts say that this is one of the reasons why biomethane stations in the country will be located near major cities in the coming years.

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#### LITHUANIA

##### Aiming to boost biomethane gas production

The Ministry of Agriculture is seeking to find out the obstacles that those willing to produce biomethane gas. "The demand for such gas will grow, and we see a huge potential, but there are many financial and administrative issues that need to be addressed. We need to assess how much we can produce and identify the areas where it can be used most efficiently," said Kęstutis Navickas.

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#### LITHUANIA

##### The willingness to produce hydrogen and biomethane has been growing, but the breakthrough has faded

The war in Ukraine shows that the project for the production of hydrogen from renewable energy sources and biomethane in Lentvaris municipality, Trakai district, has a bright future and is important for the country's energy independence, says Vidus Korsakas, the organiser of the idea. However, the changed business environment, which shows bright prospects, is also forcing the pace to slow down.

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#### GERMANY

##### 2G Energy and PRODEVAL working together to market an electrical self-consumption solution on the global biogas upgrading market

Because biogas upgrading to biomethane equipment do need an electrical supply connection, the partnership between 2G Energy and PRODEVAL, naturally took place to acquire this self-consumption solution, allowing it to provide half of the operator's unit power supply or entirely.

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#### GERMANY

##### Wärtsilä builds major plant for the production of REFUEL, climate-neutral Bio-LNG

The technology group Wärtsilä will supply equipment for the world's second-largest plant capable of liquefying bio-methane and synthetic methane from renewable energy sources to produce carbon-neutral transportation fuel. When operational it will have a capacity of approximately 63,000 tons Bio-LNG per year

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#### ITALY

##### Sustainability: the key to future incentive schemes

With the recent publication of Legislative Decree No. 199 of 8 November 2021, the EU Directive 2018/2001 promoting the use of energy from renewable sources has been adopted; it introduces a number of important innovations regarding the sustainability of bioenergy that affect the production of biogas/biomethane.

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#### ITALY

##### RED 2 Directive and NRRP: the new rules

Last November, the Legislative Decree No. 199 implementing the RED 2 Decree was published in the Official Gazette. In addition to providing for the measures to transpose the Red 2 Directive, the decree contains a number of provisions implementing certain measures of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. One of the new features is the introduction of a minimum target of 30% for the use of renewable energy sources by 2030. This target will, however, have to be updated once the provision to increase the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions to 55% compared to 1990 becomes binding at European level.

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#### IRELAND

##### Ireland Knowledge Exchange and Biomethane Roadmap Launch

The culmination of Ireland's contribution to the REGATRACE programme, will be marked by the publication of the shared Vision and Roadmap for AD Biomethane Production in Ireland. Europe's raised ambition for biomethane production and fresh concerns for energy security and pricing, as well as climate change, open up new possibilities for Ireland.

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#### ESTONIA

##### Biomethane market in Estonia sees rapid growth in recent years

Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications Timo Tatar says the biomethane market in Estonia has grown rapidly in recent years – while in 2018, biomethane production in Estonia was 39,993 MWh, the figure for 2021 had risen to 152,352 MWh.

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#### SPAIN

##### New biomethane plants injecting into the Spanish gas grid

In the last 12 months, 4 new biomethane plants injecting into the Spanish gas grid have been commissioned.

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#### SPAIN

##### The Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITERD) has published the Biogas Roadmap

This first drafting version of the Biogas Roadmap is a necessary first step, but is not very ambitious in its goals, it needs to be developed in a more demanding and more ambitious way.

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#### POLAND

##### Biomethane will help to fill the gap left by Russian gas in Poland

The deputy minister of climate and environment, Ireneusz Zyska, announced that a large support program for biogas plants and biomethane plants is being prepared together with the ministry of agriculture. He stressed that the government's strategic goal is to become independent from Russian hydrocarbon supplies. At the same time, he pointed out that in order to fill the gap left by Russian gas, it is necessary to increase the production of biomethane in the Polish mix, which can be injected into the gas network

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#### POLAND

##### Agreement on cooperation for the development of the biogas and biomethane sectors has been signed

At the invitation of the Minister of Climate and Environment, the representatives of government administration and stakeholders of the biogas and biomethane sector signed the "Agreement on cooperation for the development of the biogas and biomethane sectors". The main goal is to use the Polish potential in this area.

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### Meet the consortium!

The REGATRACE consortium is composed by 15 partners from 10 countries (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Spain) working together to provide support for the biomethane market uptake.



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