

CONFERENCE OF EBA ALKMAAR REGION, THE NETHERLANDS; 30 SEPTEMBER -2 OCTOBER 2014

A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE WITH 200+ PARTICIPANTS

Two years after the first conference of European Biogas Association in Bratislava, Slovakia, the second conference in Egmond aan Zee in the Netherlands saw a doubled audience of 200 participants, as well a one day longer event.

This conference came just in time when major legislation concerning biogas are being discussed, like ILUC or revision of the Fertilisers regulation. Therefore, it was expected from the conference to gather the most diverse audience in terms of backgrounds and their fields of activities.

Main topics covered by the conference were the role of biogas in Europe's energy and transportation policies, substrates, digestate and biomethane. A special spotlight was on biomass gasification, having a full day in Alkmaar dedicated to the topic at the Biomass Gasification Europe conference.

Speakers from the host country and the host region of Noord - Holland opened the conference with an introduction to the importance of RES on the long run while speakers from EC and its several DGs put biogas in the context of Alternative Fuels Strategy, Common Agricultural Policy and Energy policy. Biogas and biomethane will play an important role in phasing out natural gas in the transportation sector, development of rural communities and generally in answering the increased energy dependency of Europe.

Presentation and quality discussions on essential biogas related topic took place, too, in parallel sessions. Speakers addressed substrates and their sustainability, contribution to GHG reductions and feedstock in general; a high level discussion on biomethanisation and current state of technology, as well, as a good introduction to the afternoon sessions on biomethane and biogas production.



EBA currently consists of 68 members thereof 32 national associations and 36 associated members

The fact that the speakers came from leading biogas and biomethane businesses and research bodies from several European countries and beyond, like France, Germany, Austria, Israel, the Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Sweden and Finland, only proves the level of the conference itself.

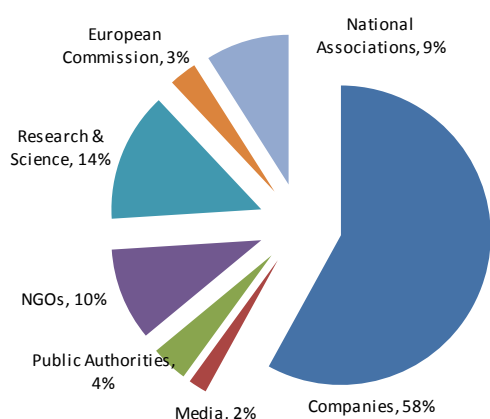
In cooperation with Energy Valley and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency a whole day conference was dedicated to biomass gasification. Hosted in Alkmaar, the event covered the advanced technology of biomass

gasification including biomass supply, cost balance of such a technology and opportunities that exist as answers to the oil crisis.

During the Biomass gasification Europe event, other groups of participants went for study tours visiting biogas plants in the Amsterdam region and Energy Research Centre of Netherlands.

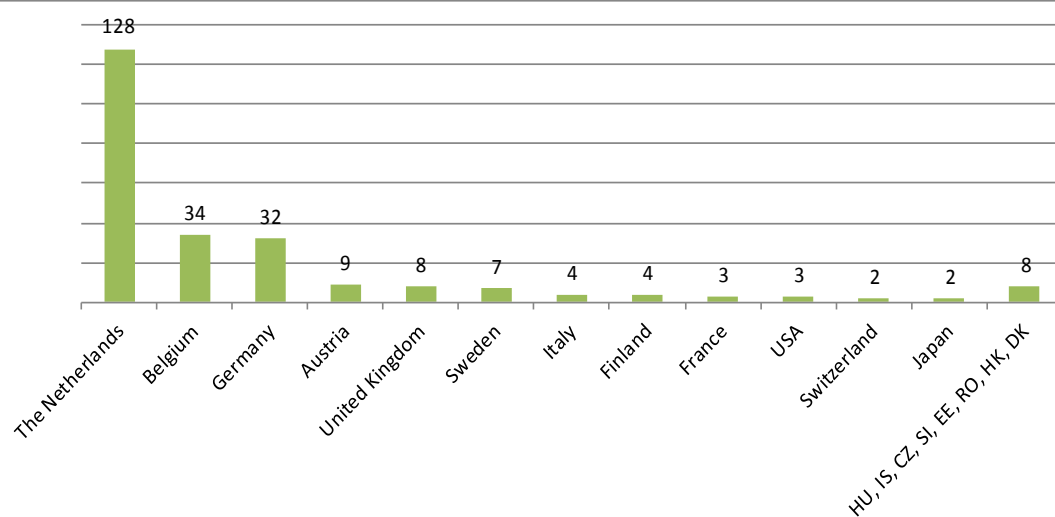
Looking back at the scope of the conference, one can conclude that this was the place to be if doing anything related to biogas.

CONFERENCE IN STATISTICS



Breakdown of attendees after their institutions

Breakdown of attendees after their countries



THE CONFERENCE FULLFILLED THE EXPECTATIONS

With the average of 7.7/10, according to the participants' evaluation, the Biogas Conference of EBA can be considered as a success. The high number of participants and a 3 days programme were result of expansion of EBA as a European umbrella organisation of biogas producers, researchers and national associations. Three most common answers on what participants' foremost result from the Conference was, according to the survey, were the ability to meet and network with colleagues and industry experts, learning about new and innovative technical developments.



PRESENTATIONS AND PICTURES

- **EBA MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE PRESENTATIONS AND PICTURES IN THE MEMBERS SECTION OF THE WEBSITE**

INVESTA LAUNCHED AT EBA BIOGAS CONFERENCE

Apart from significant and key presentations and discussions on the state of art and future of biogas in Europe, the Conference of the European Biogas Association will stay recorded as the key event for a newly launched Institute for Valorisation and Expertise in Thermochemicals Alkmaar.

For this occasion, the 3rd day of the Conference has gathered a number of eminent speakers and presenters. They have all pointed out the fact that commercialising a product requires a central

spot for both development of knowledge and technology on one side and practical utilisation and market application on the other. This is why InVesta will bring together the developers, science and businesses together to one location.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE



More than 200 participants at a 3 days long conference listening and engaging in high level presentations and discussions and taking advantage of networking opportunities



Participants enjoy their study trips to biogas plants in Amsterdam and Energy Research Centre of Netherlands



Mr. Arthur Wellinger, the founder and five years long president of EBA receiving a honorary membership from Mr. Jan Stambasky, the current EBA president

The absolute favourite of the event - a biogas powered 928 Porsche parked at the EBA Biogas Conference venue

