

# IEA Bioenergy Task 40

## Sustainable international bioenergy trade

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# Biomethan: Status and factors affecting market development and trade\*

- Joint study IEA Task40 and Task37
- Published September 2014 on
- <http://www.iea-biogas.net/> for more current information
- Further readings – current Horizon2020 project [www.biosurf.eu](http://www.biosurf.eu)

<http://bioenergytrade.org/publications.html>

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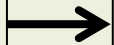
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# General supply chain architecture

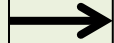
## Production

Cellulosic biomass  
e.g wood



Gasification and  
Methanation

Manure, organic  
residues and  
silage



Anaerobic  
digestion &  
upgrading

## Distribution & Storage

Liquification  
(cf. LNG)

Densification  
(cf. CNG)

Grid injection

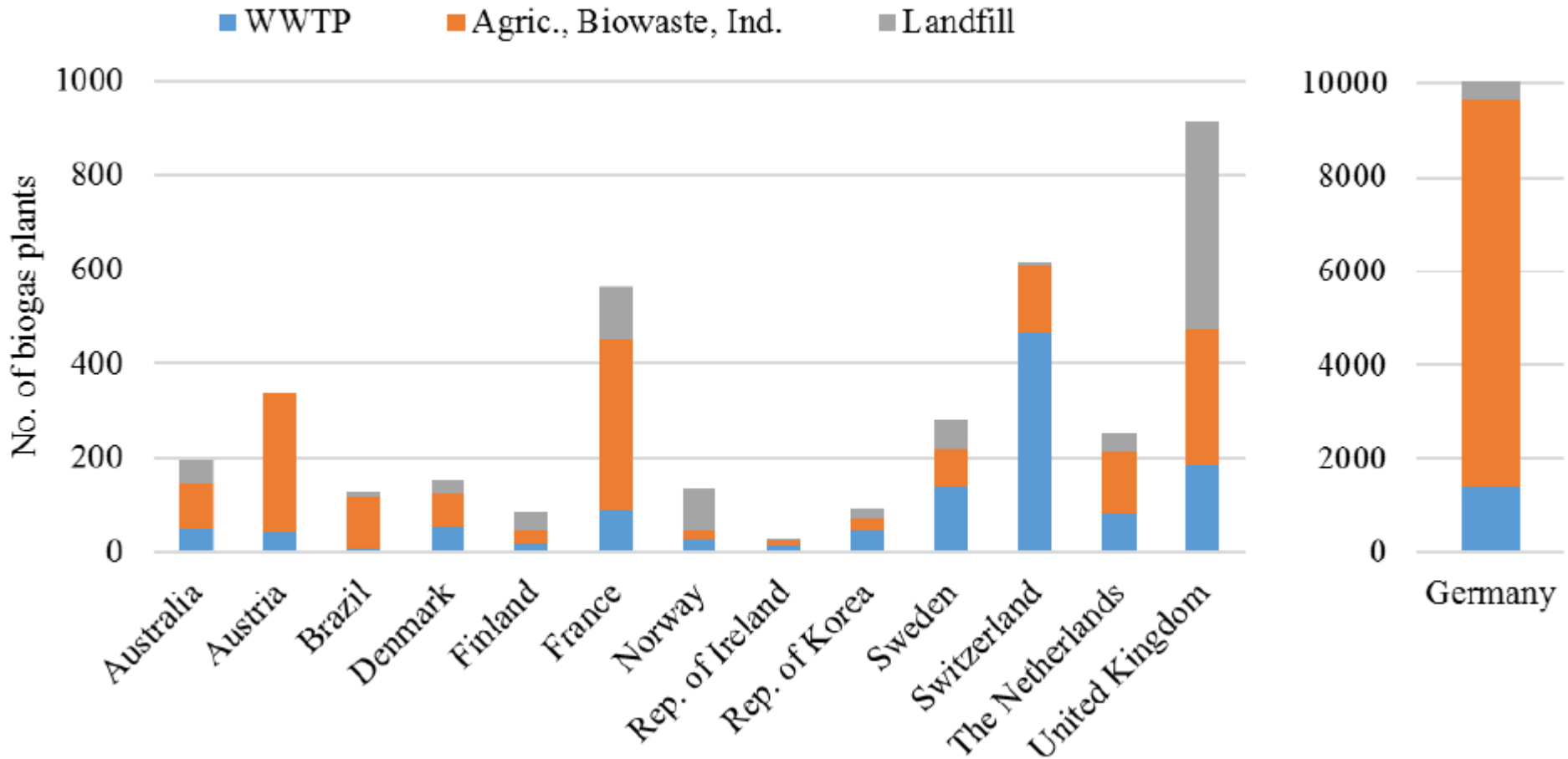
## Utilisation

Fuel

Chemicals

Heat and  
power

# Status quo

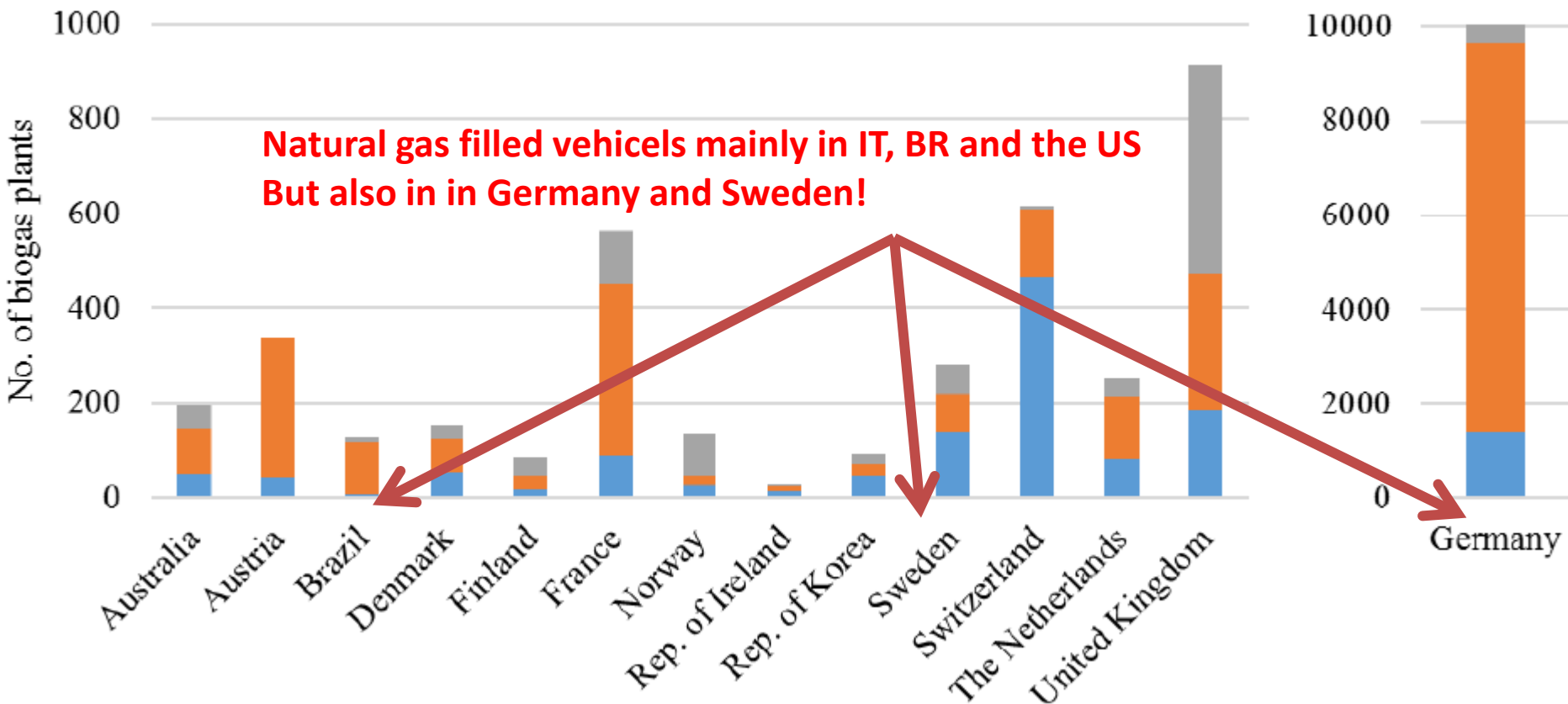


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Source: IEA Bioenergy Task37 Country Reports Summary

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■ WWTP      ■ Agric., Biowaste, Ind.      ■ Landfill



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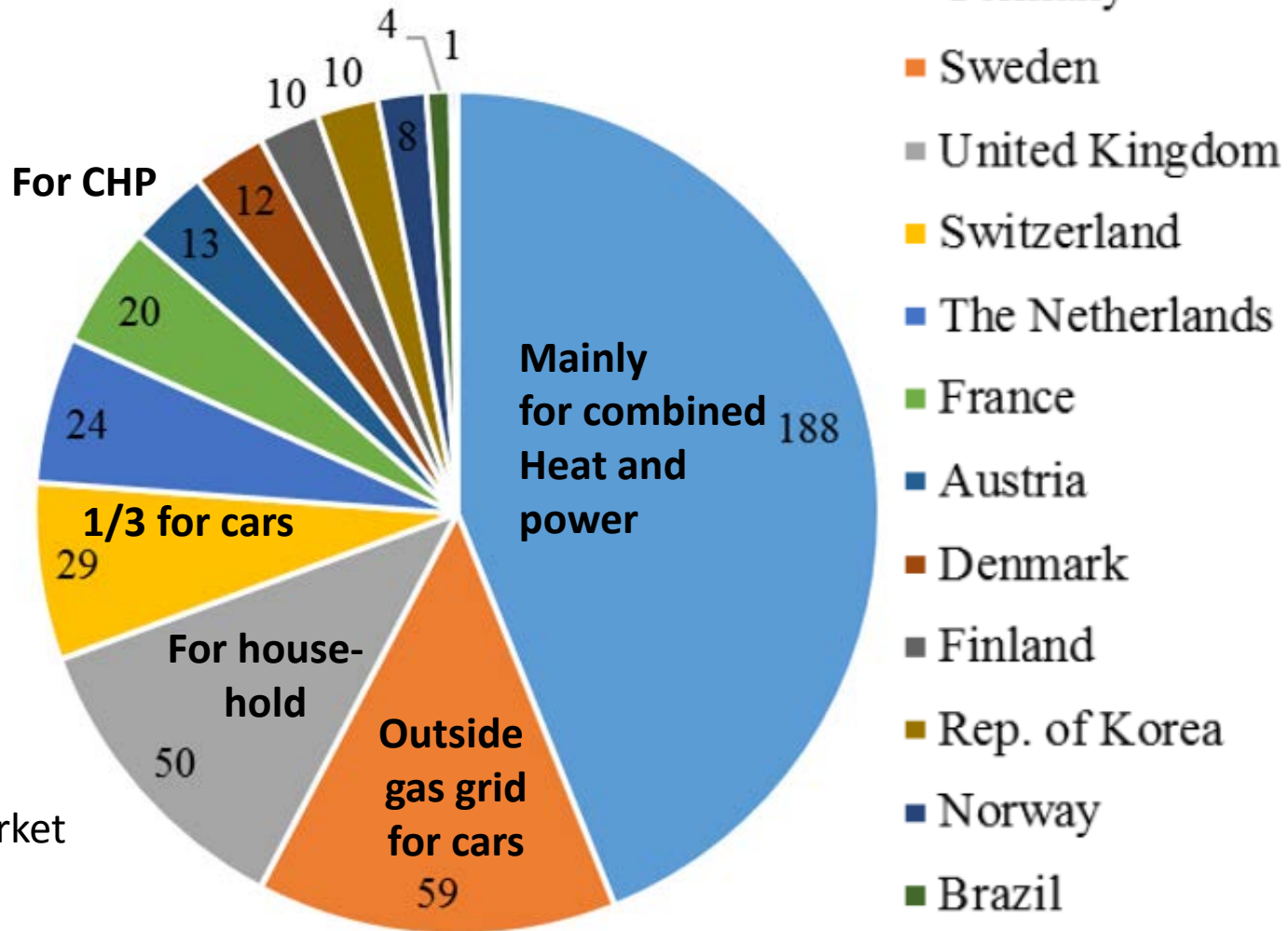
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# Status quo

Vehicle fuel share for EU28 at about 12% of total bio-methane production

Share of CNG and LNG on total vehicle fuel market in EU28 is below 1%

5% of gaseous fuel market is biomethane



**Distribution of operational upgrading facilities**

Source: IEA Bioenergy Task37 Country Reports Summary

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# Standardisation - Technical

CEN/TC408 working group

- Injection into the gas grid: prEN 16723-1
- For the utilisation in vehicles: prEN 16723-2
- And for other utilisation: prEN 16726

**Parameters of interest:** Source: based on Thrän et al., 2014

| Health issues              | For engines    | Gas grid & infrastructure |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| CO limit                   | Methane number | Water content             |
| Odourisation (some Sulfur) | Sulfur limit   | Hydrogen sulphide         |
| Microbial content          | Silicon        | Ammonia                   |
| ...                        | ...            | Oxygen ...                |

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Registers with aim of compatibility and recognition of origin:

- SE <- mainly due to tax exemption / compressed gas statistics
- IT planned
- DE, AT, DK, FR, UK , CH, NL, FI active

*Guaranties of origin*

**ERGaR = European Renewable Gas Registry**

# Outlook and conclusions

- **Existing infrastructure:**  
Grid / Storage / Vehicles/ Filling Stations/ Households connected / CHPs ...
- **Trading:** if common (1) technical AND (2) sustainable standards and monitoring agreement
- **Upcoming?** Thermo-chemical conversion / EU28 gas filled vehicle market / liquified biomethane

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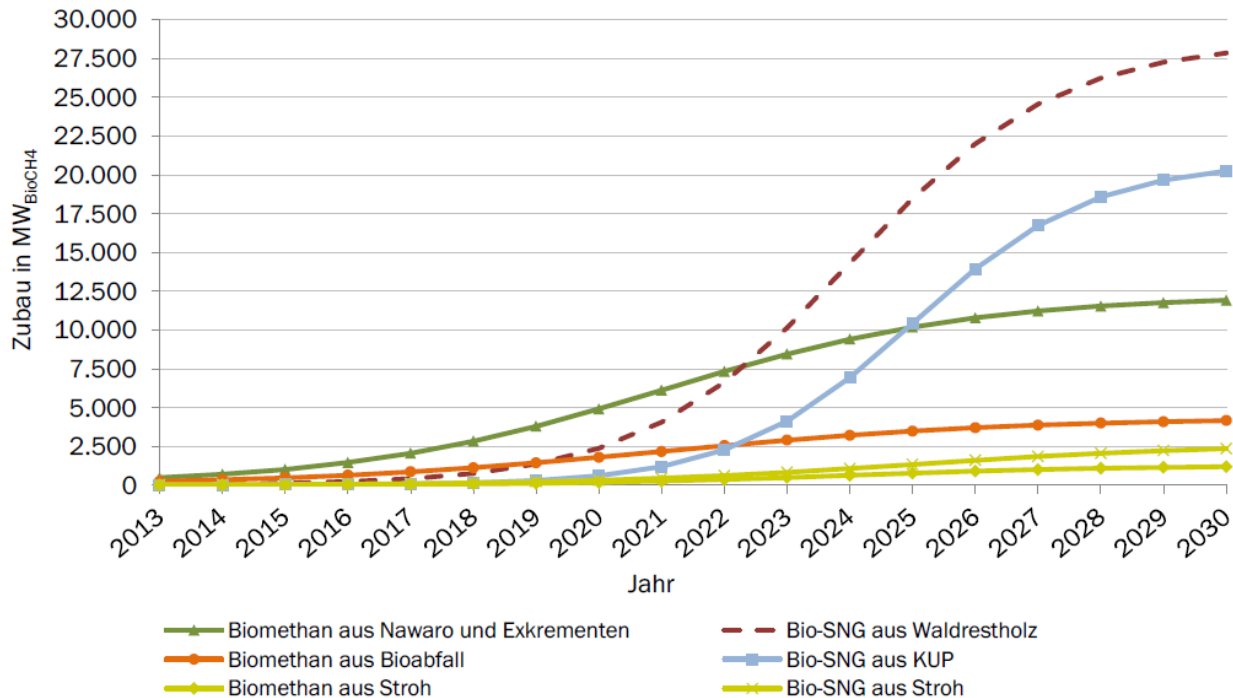


Abbildung 3-6 Abschätzung des theoretischen möglichen Leistungszubaus von Biomethan und Bio-SNG von 2013 bis 2030 in Europa (inkl. 10 % Umrüstung der bestehenden Biogasanlagen zu Biogasaufbereitungsanlagen)

Source: [1]

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