

Project “Biogas Partnership: co-creating a pathway to boost biogas solutions in the Baltic Sea Region”

Webinar (workshop 2)

**Topic “Challenges, drivers and barriers in biogas sector development in
Sweden, Poland and Ukraine”**



Cooperation projects

Funding for cooperation projects aims to deepen and further develop cooperation:

- Build networks and platforms
- Develop and test models and methods
- Provide input to policy and strategy
- Build/spread knowledge and competence

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Project “Biogas Partnership: co-creating a pathway to boost biogas solutions in the Baltic Sea Region (BioPart)”

Facts

Project partners

- Linköping University – LiU (Sweden)
- Poznan University of Life Sciences – PULS (Poland)
- Polish Biomethane Organization – PBO (Poland)
- Sumy State University – SUMDU (Ukraine)
- Bioenergy Association of Ukraine – UABIO (Ukraine)

Time: October 2024 – December 2025



Warsaw (PBO office), 21-22.11.2024

Workshops (webinars)

- Topic 1 “National potential of biogas and biomethane production in participating countries (Sweden, Poland and Ukraine)” – 22.11.24 in Warsaw
- Topic 2 “Challenges, drivers and barriers in biogas sector development in Sweden, Poland and Ukraine” – 25.02.25 Online
- Topic 3 “Cross-country collaboration for biogas solutions boosting in the Baltic Sea Region” – 15.04.25 Online
- Topic 4 “Development of digestate biofertilizer market in the Baltic Sea Region” – prel. 30.08.25 Online or in Poznan

Other activities

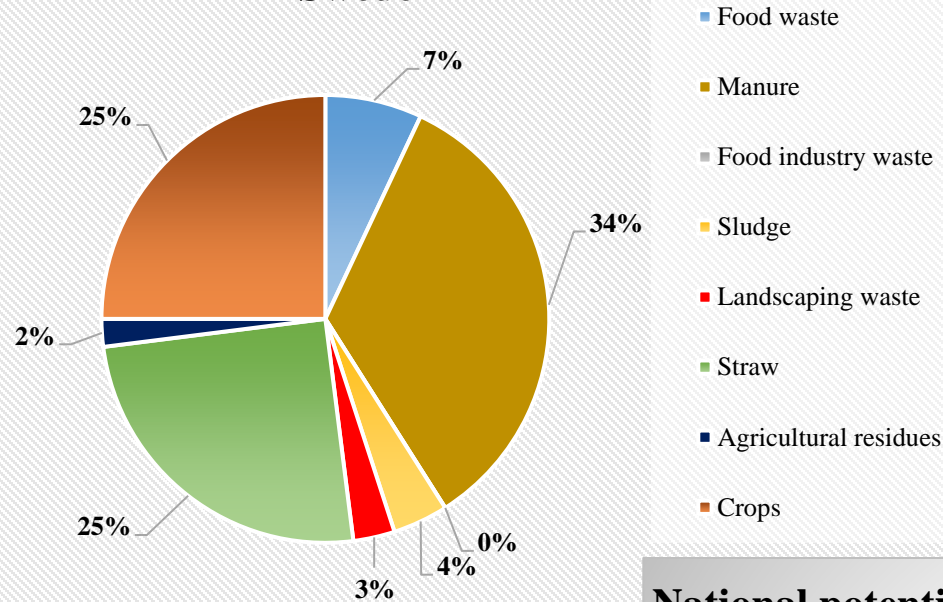
- Project meetings, participation in conferences or Biogas Forums (incl. BSRC Summer conference in June 2025)
- Study visits to biogas plants in Sweden and Poland
- Communication with stakeholders

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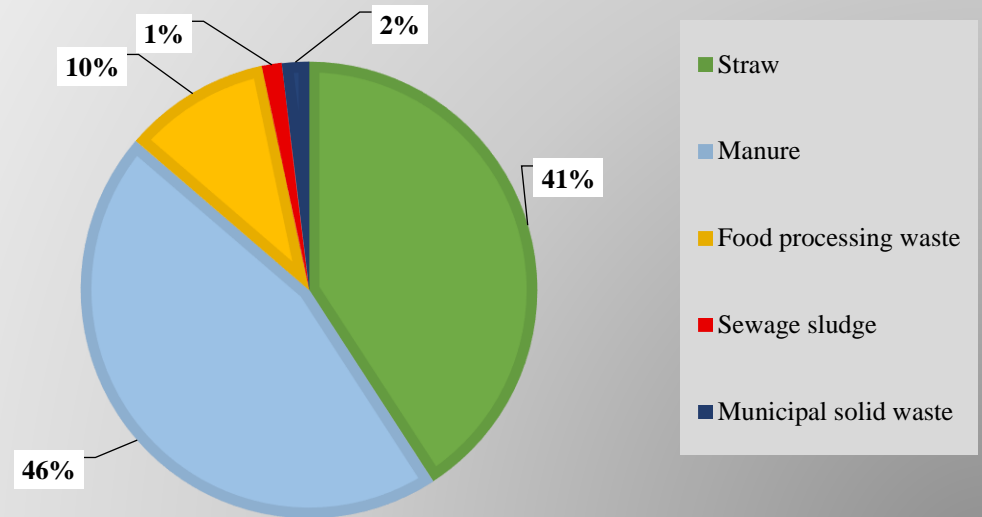
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Workshop 1 (results)

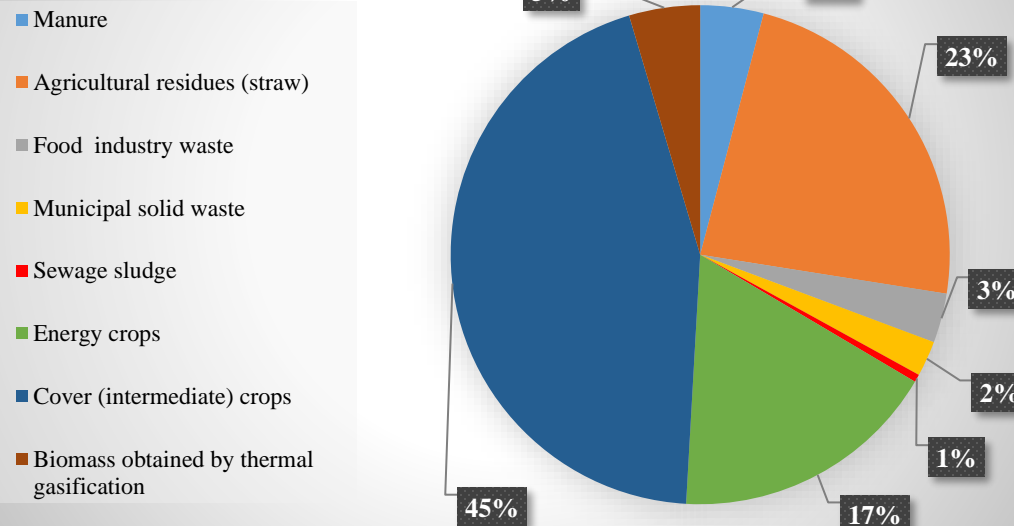
National potential of biomethane production in Sweden



NATIONAL POTENTIAL OF BIOMETHANE PRODUCTION IN POLAND



National potential of biomethane production in Ukraine



Sweden, Poland and Ukraine have different current situation in biogas/biomethane production. Dominated sources for national potential of biomethane production were determined as **agricultural residues**. Thus, each country has challenges and problems in reaching this potential realistically.

AGENDA

Challenges, drivers and barriers in biogas sector development in Sweden, Poland and Ukraine

Time	Topic	Speakers
13.00-13.15	Welcome and preliminary words	Iryna Ablieieva (LiU)
13.15-13.50	Swedish view on challenges and barriers in biogas sector	Konrad Smolarczyk (LiU)
13.50-14.25	Polish biogas sector development: drivers and barriers	Michał Tarka (PBO)
14.25-14.30	Break	
14.30-15.05	Challenges and drivers for Ukrainian biogas sector development	Yuri Matveev (UABIO)
15.05-15.25	Q&A session and participants outputs	Iryna Ablieieva (LiU) and partners
15.25–15.30	Wrap up and conclusion	Iryna Ablieieva (LiU)

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Q&A
session



Discussion

“Differences and similarities in biogas sector development in Sweden, Poland and Ukraine”



Challenges/barriers	Sweden	Poland	Ukraine
Policy and Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy Fragmentation. ○ Short-Term Incentives. ○ Complex Regulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weak policy framework. • Regulatory barriers for biomethane use. • Bureaucracy barriers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Policy Challenges. ✓ Regulatory barriers.
Market and Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited profitability. ○ High production costs. ○ Market competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsure financial support for biogas and biomethane production and use. • Market competitiveness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High Initial Investment and Capital Costs. ✓ Market Competition and Energy Prices. ✓ Financing and Investment Risks.
Technological and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infrastructure (gas grid) limitations. ○ Site selection challenges ○ Production potential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of modernisation of gas and electricity grids and infrastructure. • Technical barriers for gas grid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Infrastructure for Grid Injection and Distribution. ✓ Logistical and Supply Chain Issues.
Social and Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social acceptance of private gas vehicles due to legal and financial regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low public awareness. • Low level of knowledge about biogas production. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Public Perception. ✓ Social Acceptance.

Drivers for biogas/biomethane sector development in Sweden, Poland and Ukraine

1. Long-term energy and climate policies at EU and country levels, incl. National Plans and EU long-term ambitious GHG targets for 2030 and 2045.

2. Regulatory framework and support systems for biomethane market:

- Fiscal incentives – CO₂ and energy tax exemption
- Production support/premium
- Investment support
- Economic incentives and other regulations for low emission road transport, including biomethane
- Other policies and regulations with positive effect on the biomethane market.

3. Regulation on sustainability criteria and cross border trade:

- Green gas concept
- RED sustainability criteria
- Biogas registry / Guarantees of Origin for gas.

4. Research development in anaerobic digestion (production) system, upgrading.

5. Projects aiming to increase public awareness in biogas sector.