

## ENRD Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

Video conference - 19 March 2020 – 13:00 hs CET

### Agenda

As an additional activity to the Thematic Group meetings, and in order to answer to specific interest towards the topic, this video conference will allow for more technical exchange of **experiences of rural biogas production around Europe**.

The video conference will build on contributions from participants, who can present specific experiences or cases. The ENRD Contact Point moderates the discussion.

As background to the discussion, we recommend the following ENRD materials:

- [2<sup>nd</sup> meeting](#) of the ENRD TG on Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy – several presentations
- [3<sup>rd</sup> meeting](#) of the ENRD TG on Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy – see presentation on the SMARTGAS project from [Italy](#)
- [2<sup>nd</sup> meeting](#) of the ENRD TG on Bioeconomy and Climate Action in Rural Areas – see presentation on fossil free energy in rural areas in [Sweden](#)
- [3<sup>rd</sup> meeting](#) of the ENRD TG on Bioeconomy and Climate Action in Rural Areas – see presentation on bioenergy production in [Croatia](#)
- Chapter 2 of the [EAFRD Projects Brochure on Bioeconomy](#) presents European biogas projects.



Main agenda items	
13.00 – 13.10	<p><b>Opening and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ENRD Contact Point</li> </ul>
13.10 – 14.00	<p><b>Biogas development in Italy in the last 15 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stefano Fabiani, Italian NRN</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> on topics raised by the participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the legal obstacles to and possibilities for small-scale biogas in the EU / different Member States?</li> <li>- How to ensure economic viability without national incentives for renewable electricity production?</li> <li>- How can all climate benefits (including methane) of biogas production be taken into account instead of focusing only on electricity production?</li> </ul>
14.00 – 14.50	<p><b>Biogas in the Swedish agricultural sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Andersson, Swedish MA</li> </ul> <p><b>Video: Farmer led biogas plant in Alvesta, Sweden</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b> on topics raised by the participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can you persuade farmers to produce biogas?</li> <li>- Development of business plans for biogas plants</li> <li>- How RDPs can support the transition from biogas for electricity to biomethane, and the development of the sector in general?</li> <li>- What are the main issues Anaerobic Digestion biogas plants are currently experiencing?</li> <li>- How is digestate being used and are there any issues with disposal/surplus digestate?</li> <li>- What are the key lessons of rural biogas development for CAP Strategic Plans?</li> </ul>
14.50– 15.00	<p><b>Wrapping up, closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ENRD Contact Point</li> </ul>