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A « Biomethane Injectors Club »
to speed up the development of the sector

For several months now biomethane has become the talk of the town. This new form of natural gas is produced by the methanation of agricultural, agrifood or forestry waste which enables gas to be « created». In order to develop this sector in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, ADEME, GRDF, the Chambers of Agriculture and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region have just launched the « Biomethane Injectors Club ».

The objective of this new structure is to inform, provide support for the projects under way and promote the emergence of new projects. It has to be said that biogas represents the future. ADEME thus estimates that in 2030 one third of the gas consumed in France will come from this activity. This proportion could even rise to 75% in 2050 – a big potential and especially in Nouvelle Aquitaine where there is a strong agricultural sector.



Promoting the development of biomethane

Biomethane is good for the local economic fabric as the energy is produced locally using local raw materials, for employment thanks to the creation of local non-relocatable jobs, for the economy thanks to the high profitability and for the environment as a renewable energy. It represents many assets for achieving local and national energy independence.

Tested first of all in Poitou-Charentes, the club has enabled over 70 regional energy players to be brought together: elected representatives, local authorities, network managers, financiers, investors, representatives of the agricultural sector, design offices, builders ... A veritable

vector for exchanges and sharing, the Biomethane Injectors Club is henceforth going to be extended to the entire Nouvelle-Aquitaine region with the main objective being to network the players and promote the sharing of experience in order to speed up the development of the sector.

« The club is going to promote the acceptance of the methanation sector by the regional players and enhance the value of the biomethane injection projects whenever this solution is possible », emphasized Renaud Francomme, Poitou-Charentes regional director. This constitutes big support for the local players who are very often confronted by the misgivings of the general public.

With this Biomethane Injectors Club, the ultimate aim is to make each member an ambassador for green gas and promote the link between the local sector and the national BioGas club. This will enable the setting in place at the national level of a hundred or so biomethane injection points in the natural Gas network in 2018.

A few figures:

- According to ADEME's forecasts, by 2030 methanation will supply one third of the volume of renewable energies and 75 % of the gas consumed in France will come from methanation in 2050.
- France had six centres in 2015 and now has 24. Around one hundred centres should be operational in 2018.
- The Nouvelle-Aquitaine region today has 25 methanation units using the « cogeneration » process (production of electricity and heat) and one « injection » unit (the biogas is sent into the distribution network and supplies companies and private individuals).

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