



## Project Fact Sheet

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### Promoting Biogas in Eastern Europe – Mobilization of Decision Makers and Training for Farmers (BiG>East)

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| <b>Programme area:</b>  | ALTENER, VKA5, VKA6, VKA7   |
| <b>Status:</b>          | ongoing   |
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| <b>Website:</b>         | <a href="http://www.big-east.eu">www.big-east.eu</a>  |
| <b>Objective:</b>       | The aim of BiG>East is to promote biogas production and utilisation in Eastern Europe.  |
| <b>Benefits:</b>        | BiG>East contributes to provide Europe with secure, sustainable and competitive energy.   |
| <b>Keywords:</b>        | Biogas, Mobilization, Training  |
| <b>Duration:</b>        | 09/2007 – 02/2010   |
| <b>Budget:</b>          | 1.101.763 € (EU contribution: 50%)  |
| <b>Contract number:</b> | EIE/07/214/SI2.467620   |



#### Short description

BiG>East promotes biogas production and utilization as a secure, sustainable and competitive energy source in Eastern Europe. This is achieved by knowledge transfer from project partners with extensive, long-term expertise to six target countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Latvia, Romania, and Slovenia. The core of the proposed action is biogas training courses for farmers and mobilisation campaigns for decision makers. High quality training handbooks will be elaborated in order to support the training courses. Promising sites for biogas production will be identified and these Biogas Show Cases will be promoted to decision makers through mobilization campaigns. In each target country three training courses and two mobilization campaigns will be implemented. The objective is to provide the six target countries in Eastern Europe with newest information and expertise about innovative and cost-effective biogas production technologies in order to initiate the construction of new biogas plants in Eastern Europe.

## Expected results

- Promotion of biogas in Eastern Europe
- Creation of high-quality training material for farmers
- Implementation of 3 biogas training courses for farmers in each target country: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Latvia, Romania, and Slovenia
- Identification of most promising sites for biogas production in Eastern Europe
- Implementation of 2 mobilization campaigns for decision makers in each target country: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Latvia, Romania, and Slovenia

## Lessons learnt

This project has just started. It is therefore too early to draw lessons.