

New handbook guides organic farmers through biogas investment process

Nürnberg, 14 February 2014 - Organic farmers considering investing in biogas production to improve farm income and contribute to the environmental sustainability of their farms now have new tools at hand.



The SUSTAININGAS Handbook:

- gives a **compact overview** of concepts, farmers' perspectives and best practice examples for sustainable biogas production on organic farms
- explores the **agronomic and economic** dimensions of biogas in organic farming
- explains what steps to take for the biogas plant to benefit the environment
- provides a **step-by-step decision** support, taking into account different biomass sources, plant sizes and ownership models for example
- guides the user through the different **efficiency benchmarks**.

"*Sustainable biogas production - A handbook for organic farmers*" is available in English, German, French, Bulgarian, Polish, Danish and Spanish. It has been written and published by SUSTAININGAS, a project in the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Union focussed on enhancing sustainable biogas production in organic agriculture.

The handbook was been launched today in a seminar at "Biofach", the largest international fair for organic farming. It complements a series of tools available on the SUSTAININGAS website:

- an **economic calculation tool** for biogas installations on organic farms
- an analysis of **sustainability criteria** for biogas plants on organic farms
- available soon: **guidelines for sustainable biogas** production on organic farms

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