

PRESS RELEASE

ALFA Final Event in Brussels: Policy Roadmaps to scale Biogas in EU livestock farming

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On Thursday, September 25th, 2025, the ALFA Final Event & Policy Roundtable took place in Brussels. The full-day event brought together **experts, policymakers, and industry representatives** to share insights and co-create actionable policy recommendations for **scaling biogas uptake in EU livestock farming**.

The event opened with a keynote speech from Dr. Biljana KULISIC, Policy Officer at DG ENER (European Commission). The EC presented interesting insights on the state of biogas and biomethane in the EU and commended the ALFA project for **supporting the uptake of biogas in livestock farming**.

The morning session of the Final Event was moderated by ALFA's Coordinator, Ioannis Konstas from Q-Plan.

SHOWCASING PROJECT'S RESULTS: ALFA TOOLS & CASES

Audience members were able to learn more about the ALFA project, its tools, as well as its success cases, highlighting best practices in biogas uptake in livestock farms.

The **ALFA Decision Support Tool** and its applications were presented by FBCD, followed by **ALFA success cases and Atlas Map** (by SIE). Two real examples of cases that collaborated with ALFA were presented: Elisabetta QUAINI, a dairy farmer in Cremona Pro Valley, Italy, and Michal CARAK, manager at Poprad Matejovce biogas plant, in Slovakia.

Audience members also learnt in detail about the technical services provided by the project. To this end, AzzeroCO2 and CERTH provided two engaging presentations, focusing on life-cycle environmental considerations and technology-specific recommendations for efficient biogas production.



HUBS APPROACH & PROJECT LEGACY

Project partners dived deep into the approach of the project, based on its 6 regional Hubs, and highlighting ALFA's results, impact, as well as its stakeholder engagement activities.

First, **Q-Plan** presented the methodology of the ALFA Hubs and service provision, highlighting the outcomes and impact of the project. The project's research on social barriers was presented by **WR**, showcasing survey results into the perceptions and awareness levels of EU citizens regarding biogas and biomethane.

APRE reflected on the project's awareness-raising activities, highlighting successes and lessons learned. In turn, **PEDAL** presented insights of ALFA's engagement activities (Mutual Learning Workshops, site visits, etc.), which took place across several Hubs.

EBA presented the **state of biogas** in the EU, its evolution, opportunities and challenges, as well as the current obstacles and concerns of farmers. On a national level, the contrast between the Spanish and European landscapes was highlighted by **AEBIG**, as well as a deep dive by the **Slovak Biogas Association** on the situation in Slovakia and the successful collaboration between SBA and the ALFA project. In addition, insights about the role of small-scale biogas plants in dairy farming was presented by **EDF**, bringing to light challenges, solutions, and recommendations.

The synergy project **Value4Farm**, represented by Inagro, also presented its approach and results, showcasing its next steps and similarities with ALFA. Lastly, Bioelectric presented its biogas plant technology, together with identified challenges, potential solutions, and policy recommendations.

POLICY CO-CREATION

The afternoon featured a **dynamic co-creation workshop dedicated to shaping policy recommendations** and a roadmap for scaling up biogas across Europe. Participants worked collaboratively to identify concrete "quick-wins" and "long-term" policy reforms addressing permitting simplification, fair market incentives, governance, and public trust. The outcomes were then contrasted with **Denmark's best-practice experience**, allowing participants to compare their proposals with real-world success factors and to assess which elements could be replicated across Member States.

Discussions stressed the shift from **social acceptance to social involvement**, with community participation and education seen as key to building trust. Participants called for simpler permitting, stronger inter-ministerial coordination, and fair market mechanisms that create local value. Overall, the session urged a more integrated biogas policy connecting energy, agriculture, and circular economy goals, **placing citizens at the heart of Europe's green transition**.



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POLICY ROUNDTABLE

The event closed with a **policy roundtable** with the following four experts, moderated by WR:

- Maximilian HERZOG from Foodrise EU
- Anna ONIDA from the European Biogas Association (EBA)
- Bruno Sander NIELSEN from Biogas Danmark
- Prof. Vasileios DIAMANTIS of the Hellenic Biogas Association and AUTH university

The experts engaged in a lively **panel discussion** exploring the evolving role of biogas in circular agri-food systems and policy. We began discussing the role of biogas within broader energy contexts, followed by insights on cross-sector integration, sustainability challenges, and by-products valorisation. Attention then turned to practical enabling factors for farm-based projects, including access to finance and advisory support for farmers. Panelists also addressed social acceptance, stressing community involvement and transparency. The session concluded with a Q&A, allowing the audience to reflect on these key insights.



MORE ABOUT ALFA

Over three years of implementation, ALFA has worked to unlock Europe's biogas potential by promoting the uptake of biogas in livestock farming. The project identified key drivers and barriers to adoption and supported farmers in six EU countries (BE, DK, IT, GR, ES, SK) with financial, business, and technical support services and tools.

Alongside capacity-building and awareness raising activities, ALFA developed an Engagement Platform to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and assess farms' biogas potential and environmental impact. The project also delivered a replication guide, and a set of policy recommendations to support replication and scale-up across Europe.

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