

## Biogas Dialogue – Policy Framework and Innovation Trends in the Baltic Sea Region

### Policy workshop of the SPIN project

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Aim of the Policy Workshop is to discuss how policy makers and public framework conditions can contribute to innovations for sustainable production in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the biogas sector. The biogas sector has been chosen as one focus sector within the SPIN project and should serve as an example case for illustrating current trends, the view of SME's and the role of policy makers in the innovation framework.

Participants: SPIN project partners, some members of the CBSS expert group and the SPIN Project Advisory Board as well as selected guests from relevant authorities, related projects, sector associations / SMEs

	Workshop Programme	
12:30	<i>Registration and Lunch</i>	
14:00	Welcome and introduction to the workshop	Janka Clauder, BMU
14:20	The biogas sector in the Baltic Sea Region – current status and future challenges	Rita Ramanauskaite, European Biogas Association
14:40	Technology and innovation trends in the biogas sector	Jan Postel, German Biomass Research Centre (DBFZ)
15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:20	Estonian Experiences of SMEs introducing biogas technologies	Ahto Oja, Estonian Biogas Association
15:40	German SME example: Planning, financing and implementation of biogas projects	Andreas Abdessamed, Dr. Petra Rabe, bionova
16:00	Polish Perspective on policy trends and challenges in Biogas	Magdalena Rogulska, Institute for Fuels and Renewable Energy
16:20	Discussion: Which framework conditions should be improved from SME's perspective to support sustainable innovation in the sector?	moderation: André Greif, PtJ
17:15	Conclusions	
17:30	End of the workshop	