

PRESS RELEASE

23rd Operator Roundtable for biogas plant operators hosted by EnviTec Biogas AG in Güstrow
Exclusive insights into current issues facing the biogas industry

29 February 2024 // This year's Operator Roundtable – now the 23rd of its kind organised by EnviTec Biogas AG for its customers – was held in Güstrow for the first time. The event not only offers an interesting mix of insights and news on the topic of biogas but also offers the chance to network with experts and other plant operators both on a personal and technical level. "It's the combination of news and insights, presented in a familiar format, that has ensured the success of our operator roundtables over the years," says Jan Meistermann, Head of Sales at EnviTec Service GmbH. "This year, the event was fully booked, with 55 participants," adds Christian Eilert, Head of Sales for EnviTec's German plant construction division.

One particular highlight of the one-day event was a tour of Germany's largest integrated bio-LNG plant, EnviTec Bioenergie Güstrow GmbH. The plant visit was preceded by a total of four presentations, which addressed the latest topics of interest for the biogas sector. The keynote was given by leasing and finance specialist Andreas Berens, who discussed the financing of biogas plants and market opportunities for biomethane.

He was followed by Dr Harald Lindorfer from Green Planet Projects GmbH, who talked about cost-effective biomethane production without organic fertilisers. His company designs, constructs and operates clean power stations, with a focus on wind power. In the field of renewable gases, Lindorfer and his colleagues help biogas plant operators convert their operations to biomethane feed-in – either by direct financial participation in the business or by concluding a supply agreement.

Marius Alck and Andreas Schmeing from ibGenesis GmbH then provided event delegates with information about current subsidy schemes for biogas. Based in Rhede, North Rhine-Westphalia, this independent engineering firm specialises in grants and energy consulting, as well as advising companies on pathways to achieving climate neutrality.

Last but not least, Rainer Dorn, Head of CO₂ Liquefaction at EnviTec Anlagenbau, gave a talk introducing the tour of the Güstrow plant, which has been running in trial operations phase since

summer last year. “Alongside the climate-neutral fuel bio-LNG, we also produce liquefied carbon dioxide, which can be used in the food and beverage sector, for example,” Dorn explained. In the future, the plant aims to produce 15,000 t of LCO₂ and around 9,600 t of bio-LNG, and so help to decarbonise heavy-duty road transport.

Both the visit to Germany’s largest integrated bio-LNG plant and the presentations were very well received by event delegates. “I’ve been attending the operator roundtables for many years now,” says Hans-Heinrich Lindwedel, who operates a plant for his company Lindwedel Biogas GmbH & Co. KG. “At some point, we’ll be handing over to the next generation and so it makes sense to pass on as much information as early as possible to our next generation of managers.”



*A key feature of every EnviTec Biogas Operator Roundtable: touring a manufacturing or biogas facility.
This year: Germany’s largest integrated bio-LNG plant with CO₂ liquefaction in Güstrow (photo: EnviTec Biogas AG)*



The highlight of the tour was the bio-LNG tank, nearly 40 m long, which will soon be supplying green truck fuel to power 50,000,000 truck km. (photo: EnviTec Biogas AG)



Before touring BioEnergie Park Güstrow, the EnviTec team and industry experts updated the 55 operators about the latest developments in the biogas sector. (photo: EnviTec Biogas AG)

About EnviTec Biogas AG

EnviTec Biogas AG covers the entire value chain for the production of biogas, including the planning and turnkey construction of biogas plants and biogas upgrading plants as well as their commissioning. The company takes charge of biological and technical services on demand, and also offers operational management services. EnviTec operates 89 of its own plants, making it one of the largest biogas producers in Germany. EnviTec's business activities also include the production and marketing of climate-neutral fuels (bio-LNG) for the transport sector as well as food-grade liquid carbon dioxide (LCO₂). The company is represented in 15 countries worldwide by its own companies, sales offices, strategic partners and joint ventures. In 2022, the EnviTec Group generated revenue of EUR 382.8 million and EBT of EUR 66.6 million. The Group currently employs around 640 people worldwide. EnviTec Biogas AG has been listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since July 2007.

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