# Biomethane in France: Facilitating market access to new gases

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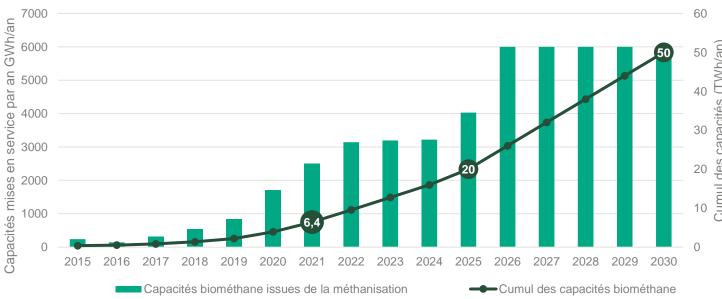




# Biomethane: Sustainable growth of a dynamic sector

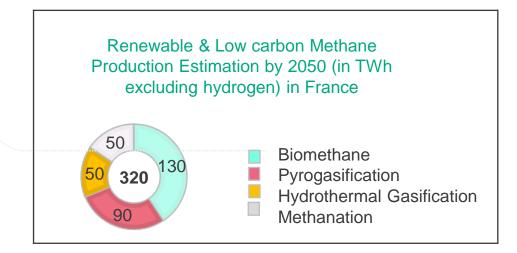
- 477 sites injecting biomethane into the distribution/transmission networks
- 8,15 TWh of installed capacity to date (~ 2% of French gas consumption)
- 20 TWh planned capacity by 2025 and 60 TWh by 2030: 50 TWh thanks to new support mechanisms + 10 TWh from new sectors (waste pyrogasification, synthetic methane)



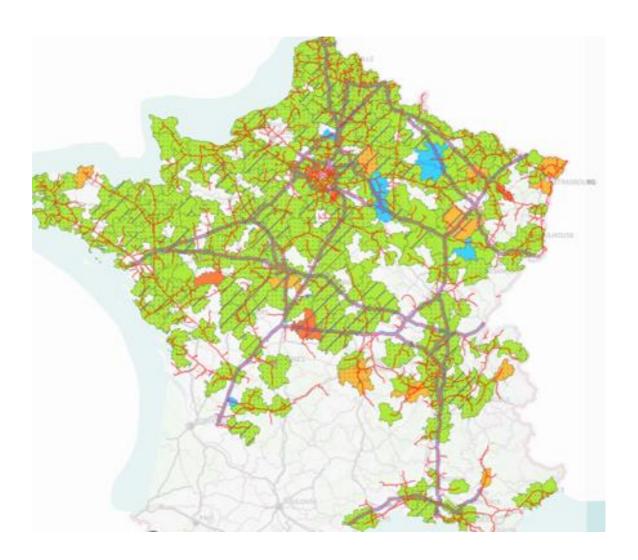


# 2030 targets: A comprehensive set of support mechanisms

- Feed-in tariff for projects < 25 GWh/year</li>
- Call for tenders for projects > 25 GWh/year
- Biogas Production Certificates: mandate on gas suppliers to incorporate biomethane
- Contracts for the testing of innovative technologies (pirogasification, hydrothermal gasification)







### "Right to injection": Facilitating the integration of biomethane into the network

- "Egalim" Law (2018) eases the biomethane facilities connection to gas networks:
  - "Injection right" techno-economic conditions for the gas networks adaptation and breakdown of related costs between infrastructure operators and biomethane producers
  - "Zoning approach" techno-economic potential map for 500 zones across France established by grid operators
- Injection of biomethane feasible over **75% of the French territory**
- 11 reverse flow installations in operation and 30 under development
- Investment of €500 million for network reinforcements from 2020 to 2028

## Looking ahead: Key policy asks

#### **Enshrine Targets Into Legislation**

 Integrate the ambitious EU targets into EU law as well as into relevant national policies, to boost the consumption of biomethane in industry as well as in heavy-duty and maritime mobility.

#### Tackle Remaining Barriers

 Strive to ensure an interoperable European market and cross-border trading of biomethane by establishing a European-wide GO system that integrates sustainability information.

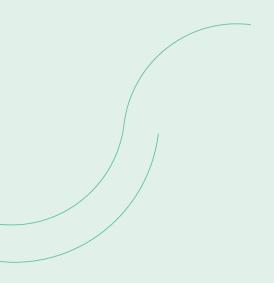
#### Maintain Public Support Mechanisms

 Maintain the public support mechanisms (in particular the feed-in-tariffs for small-scale agricultural installations). Support schemes should cover all technologies, anaerobic digestion but also new technologies such as pyrogasification and hydrothermal gasification.

#### **Enhance Cooperation**

• Encourage exchanges of best practices between Member States to fully take advantage of biomethane's tremendous potential.







## Thank you