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EXPOBIOGAZ 2019 Confirmed success for the first edition to be held in Lille!

As the benchmark nationwide exhibition for the whole of the sector, the 8th edition of the EXPOBIOGAZ exhibition, jointly organized with Club Biogaz ATEE, drew to a close on the evening of 13th June after two busy days focusing on the biogas sector's core issues. This edition, making a debut appearance in the "Hauts de France" region, kept all its promises:

- to assemble the sector's broadest offering, with over 260 exhibitors and brands, a significant increase in the number of exhibitors, and continued renewal of the content: exhibitor numbers 18% up on 2018; 30% first-time exhibitors
- to attract the whole spectrum of biogas stakeholders: farms, local authorities, agri-food industries, waste processing, transport, and more.

With 4,781 professionals visiting over the 2 days, Expobiogaz recorded a **noteworthy attendance increase of 30%** compared with the previous edition in Strasbourg. The 2019 edition gave a tell-tale sign of the sector's vitality in the form of a huge increase in pre-arranged business meetings, with 600 appointments made and kept at the exhibition.

The location at the centre of a new region, "Hauts de France", has therefore proved a real success in terms of the number and quality of visitors. Attending professionals discovered an exhibition that keeps vibrantly in pace with the market and were able to find solutions for all their projects among the 260 exhibitors and brands present: anaerobic digestion plant manufacturers, after-sales and maintenance, equipment suppliers (pre-treatment, digestion, purification, etc.), digestate value recovery solutions, gas injection solutions, CHP, NGV builders and converters, and related services.

Over its two days, EXPOBIOGAZ 2019 brought together and showcased all the stakeholders— industrial companies, project initiators, institutions— united in a desire to share and trade the advances and innovations being made in the sector.

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An exhibition with international outreach

Further evidence of the success and impetus of this sector was provided by the genuine enthusiasm of international stakeholders for the event, with **34% of exhibitors from abroad**, mainly Germany, Benelux, the UK, Scandinavia, and Switzerland.

The number of professional visitors from abroad also keeps growing, representing **14.5%** of total attendance and 35 countries, especially Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and Spain. A special mention for Belgium, which accounted for more than **40% of international visitors**, proving the relevance of this gathering in the North of France, on the doorstep of Belgium, another buoyant area in renewable gas.

Relevant, qualified, deciders

With a 30% rise in professionals attending, EXPOBIOGAZ scored its biggest success so far in terms of

- **frequentation, with 4781 professional visitors:**
 - 35% from the home region of Hauts de France
 - 13% from the Grand Est region, France's northeast corner
 - 26.7% from Ile de France
- **visitor quality and relevance:**
 - a big progression in the agricultural sector (farmers, breeders, operators, wine growers, and others), most of them with projects in their suitcase: **+10%** compared with 2018
 - professionals from the CNG sector doubled their number compared with the 2018 edition.

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Expansive content at this edition

The edition's success was boosted by the many in-show highlights and activities sprinkled throughout the exhibition's two days:

- **The Talents Forum, co-organized** with Biogaz Vallée® in partnership with *Actu-Environnement* and *Emploi-Environnement*.

This new area dedicated to the sector's current employment and training issues—skill enhancement, recruitment, etc.—which are often a problem for the market's stakeholders, met with solid success at the exhibition.

Training centres, job wall, recruitment café, TV studio—a complete space with a wealth of exchanges on these key topics.

The first interviews conducted by *Actu-Environnement/Emploi-Environnement* can be found on line: [watch videos >](#)

You can find all the job vacancies on the Expobiogaz website: [consult offers >](#)

- **Two visits to anaerobic digestion sites,**

BIOGAZ PEVÈLE and the SYMEVAD material and energy value conversion unit, on the eve of the exhibition in partnership with Biogaz Vallée® were a resounding success, with over 100 participants in all over the two half-days.

- **2 days of open-access conferences,** dealing with a comprehensive range of topical subjects and organized by Club Biogas ATEE and Biogaz Vallée®: funding, employment, training, company quality labels, R&D, and other topics. A strong attendance across all 30 conferences was especially significant.

- **Agricultural Village:** an area dedicated to the trading of thoughts, advice, and feedback. The ten dedicated workshops were a big hit with farm owners, farm operators, breeders, wine growers.

- **Exhibitor forum:** an area dedicated to talks and discussions from exhibiting companies.

- **SOS Project sponsors:** Biogaz Vallée® assistance providing visitors with customized advice to help make the most of their visit.

- **2 guided tours on bioCNG fuelled transportation, organized in-show by the AFGNV,** which struck a chord with over 50 participants.

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2019 INNOVATION AWARD

CLOSE-UP ON THE WINNER

LiLiBox solutions by AZOLA

LiLiBox solutions by AZOLA is a spin-off from ENGIE's GNL research centre and Storengy. System for purifying, liquefying, and storing biomethane, releasing producers from the constraints of gas transport grids.

Nominated innovation: "LiLiBox - Little Liquefaction Box"

LiLiBox (Little Liquefaction Box) is a buffer storage system that enables biomethane producers to monetize the whole of their year-round production without being constrained by grid requirements.

The system comes on an 8m by 18m platform housing all the functions:

- Purification and liquefaction of biomethane by a unique, innovative process
- Liquid biomethane storage system
- System enabling liquefied biomethane to be revaporized for injection into the grid

The assembly runs unattended and features a modular design to facilitate transport, meaning it can be easily relocated and reconnected throughout its service life. The absence of rotating machinery leads to significant reductions in maintenance costs (less than €5k/year), power consumption (less than 5kW peak total), and initial outlay.

CLOSE-UP ON THE SPECIAL MENTIONS

New Holland offers an exclusive unveiling of its CNG Concept Tractor at EXPOBIOGAZ

The concept tractor offers a **futuristic vision of farm tractors** with its expressive, modern styling. It incorporates essential features like the ability to **carry high-volume tanks** guaranteeing a **running time between refills** that users expect from a **CNG engine**.

Wessling France presents the Wessling Biogaz Bluebox

The WBB is an **automatic gas sampling system** requiring no technical intervention by on-site staff other than connection to the grid. Compatible with pressures from 50 bar to 10 bar, the system can catch all the usual components (siloxanes, chlorine, fluorine, sulphur, mercaptans, ammonia, mercury, VOCs, etc.).

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MAKE A DATE: SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2020 FOR EXPOBIOGAZ LILLE

We offer biogas sector stakeholders their next date at the 2020 edition, once again being held in Lille's Grand Palais, this time on 3th and 4th June.

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