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## The European Biogas Association extends Executive Board **European Biogas Association – stronger than ever**

**The European Biogas Association (EBA) doubled its membership in the first year of its existence, which underlines the intense interest in biogas production. Almost all national biogas associations have now joined the European Association. The activity report reveals that administration is not a primary concern but that the Association was engaged before all in networking, particularly on the level of the European Commission.**

One year after the foundation of the European Biogas Association (EBA), a new Executive Board was elected at the General Assembly on 2 February 2010. Dr. Arthur Wellinger (President), Harm Grobrügge, Franz Kirchmeyr (Vice Presidents), Jan Stambasky and Piero Gattoni, members of the present Board, were re-elected. The representatives of the national associations elected two new Board members: Dr. Attila Kovacs of the Hungarian Biogas Association, and Jean-Claude Verchin of Club Biogaz, France.

Membership in the EBA rose from eleven founding members to a total of 22 within one year; 19 of them are national biogas associations. EBA members now represent 18 European countries.

This makes EBA the leading European association in the biogas sector. The Association speaks up for more support for the biogas production, upgrading and use to establish biogas as a substantial component of the European energy mix.

The political activities of EBA during 2009 comprised the Biowaste Directive, sustainability criteria for biomass, standardisation of the upgrading and injection of biogas and the national action plans in the framework of the RES Directive (2009/28/EC). The last named activity is promoted together with the European Biomass Association (AEBIOM). Both associations will publish a guideline document by the end of February, in which member states will find numerous helpful suggestions of how biogas can be integrated in their action plans.

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