

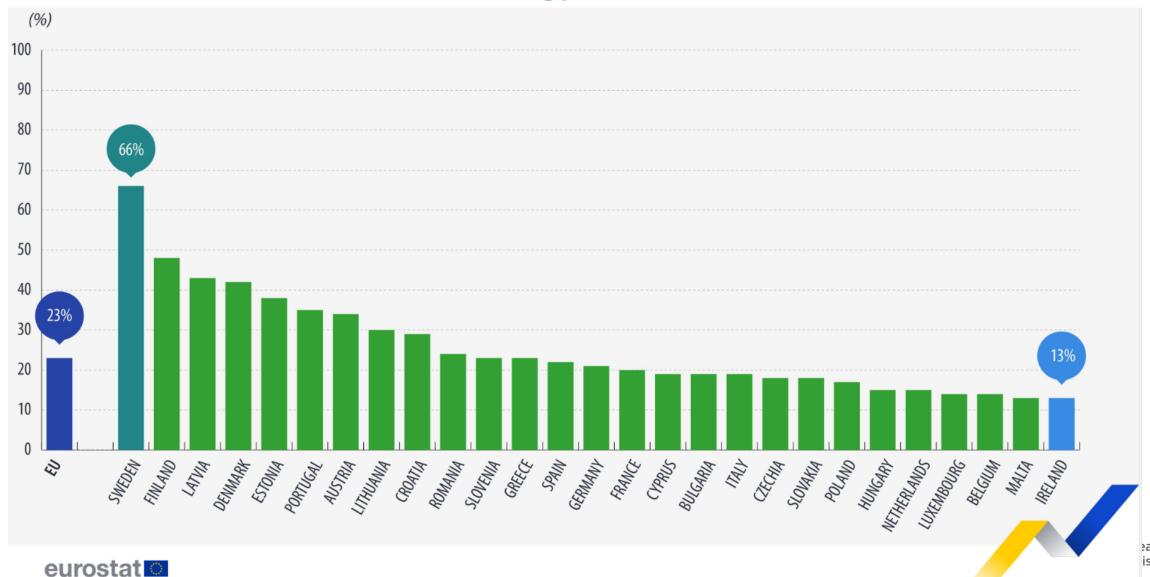
### The role of European agricultural biogas and biomethane as a driver for a renewed Green Deal

Biogas Italy

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#### EU27 - overall share of energy from renewable sources in 2022



# REPowerEU Plan (18 May 2022): scale-up biomethane by 2030

• As a renewable and dispatchable energy source, increasing the production and use of biomethane also helps to address the climate crisis.

 Biogas/biomethane is listed among short to mid-term measures to reduce the dependency on imported natural gas.

• The EU's biomethane production, either as biogas or its upgraded version, needs to reach **35 billion cubic metres (bcm) per year by 2030** and the estimated investment need for the period amounts to €37 billion.

### Teaming up to achieve 35 bcm of sustainable biomethane

#### **BIP** layout



Task Force 1

National biomethane targets, strategies and policies



Task Force 2

Accelerated biomethane project development



Task Force 3

Sustainable potentials for innovative biomass sources



Task Force 4

Cost efficiency of biomethane production and grid connection



Task Force 5

Research, Development and Innovation needs

TF6 cooperation with Ukraine

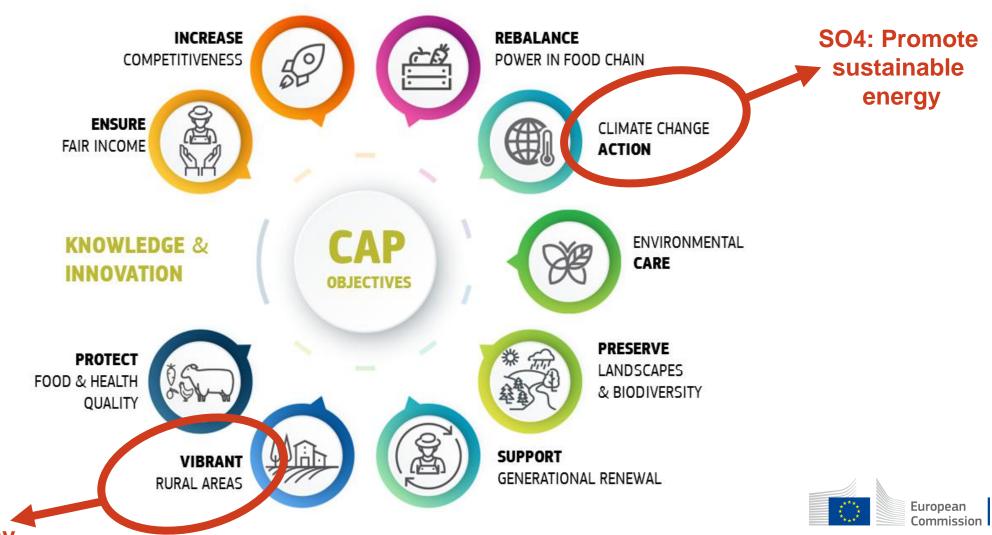


# Sustainability and GHG emissions saving criteria for biofuels, bioliquids and biomass fuels (Article 29, RED II as amended)

Sustainable biomethane/biogas unlocks:

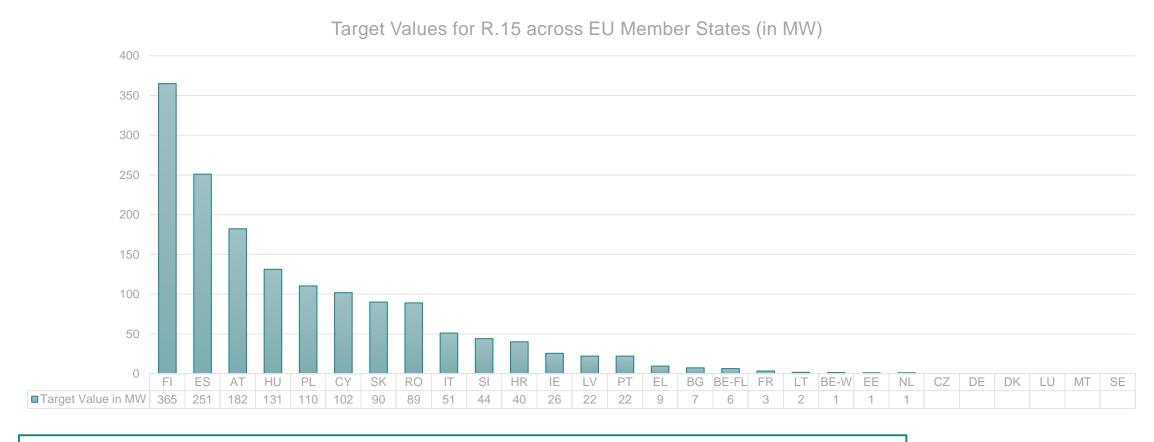
- (a) Accounting towards the Union target and the renewable energy shares of Member States;
- (b) measuring compliance with renewable energy obligations, including the obligation laid down for renewable energy in transport:
- (c) eligibility for financial support for the consumption
- (d) if produced from waste and residues (Annex IX) and used in transport, the energy content is double-counted

#### CAP Objectives & sustainability dimensions



SO8: Promote the circular bio-economy

# R.15 Renewable energy from agriculture, forestry and from other renewable sources



EU target of all CAP-Plans 2023 - 2027: production capacity of almost 1.560 MW

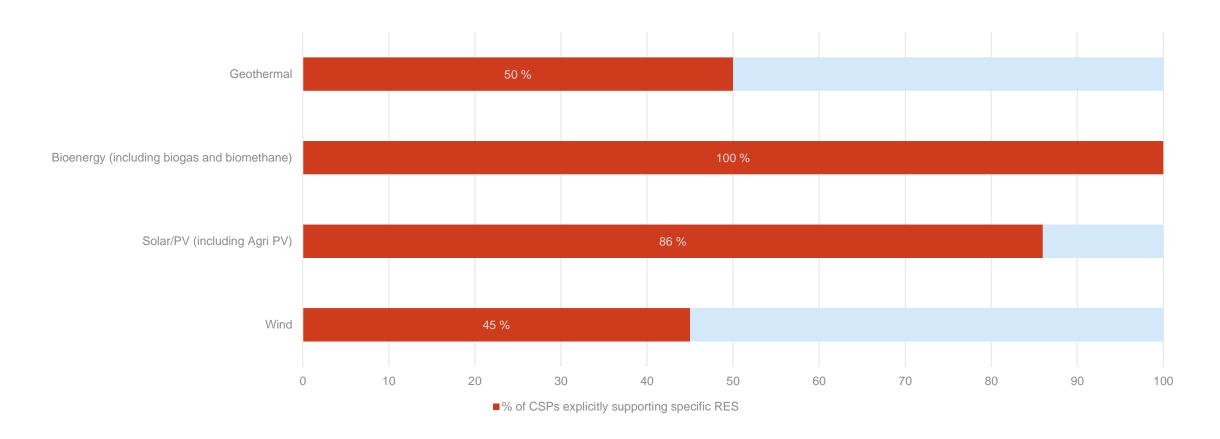


### Support for renewable energy production under the CSP

- 22 CAP-Plans<sup>1</sup> include targeted interventions to support the production of renewable energy in their plans
- 14 CAP Plans explicitly refer to support for biogas/biomethane
- In total, 93 interventions are planned in the CSP for renewable energy:
  - 80 interventions under the EAFRD (79 investment and 1 cooperation)
  - 13 interventions under sectoral programmes
- Support up to max. 80% ("green investments") and up to 100% for infrastructure investments.

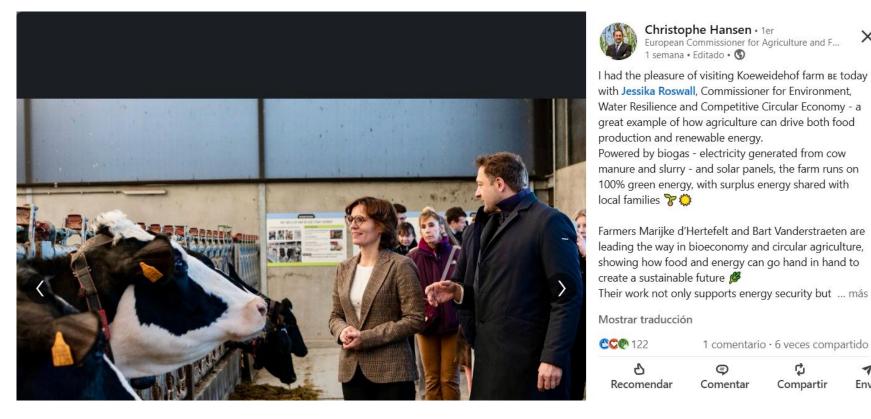


# Types of renewable energy production explicitly supported under the 22 CSP





#### Examples



FI A biogas plant investment: From local farming to a new partnership in circular economy: Investment in a biogas plant allows for formation of a new partnership between local farmers and a food producer contributing to the circular economy. <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice/biogas-">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice/biogas-</a> plant-investment-local-farming-new-partnership-circular-economy\_en



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