



General data

Company

Irish BioEnergy Association

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The aim of BIOGAS3 project is to promote the sustainable production of renewable energy from the biogas obtained of agricultural residues and food and beverage industry waste in small-scale concept for energy self-sufficiency. This project is co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Union, Contract N°:IEE/13/SI2.675801.

smallBIOGAS is a software tool to develop economic and sustainability analysis in order to evaluate the viability of small-scale anaerobic digestion installations (ca. or less than 100 kWel; 372308 m³biogas/year, 65% CH₄). The tool is adapted to the conditions of all participating countries of the project (France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Spain and Sweden).

The results obtained from the use of this calculation tool are intended to provide the user with a guide about the viability of a small-scale biogas plant. The authors recommend further consultation with expert centres before investing in any biogas facility. The authors and promoters of this software tool accept no responsibility for any damages resulting from the use made of the tool smallBIOGAS.

Input from user

Output from smallBIOGAS tool

Location data

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| Country | Ireland | |
| Administrative division | Leinster | |
| Annual average temperature | 10,2 | °C |
| Percentage of wastes located at a distance equal or less than 10 km from the agro-food company | 100 | % |
| Percentage of wastes located at a distance higher than 10 km from the agro-food company | 0 | % |

Biogas production process data

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| Anaerobic digestion process | Wet | |
| Annual amount of waste introduced in the digester (fresh matter) | 950,00 | t/year |
| Annual amount of waste introduced in the digester (dry matter) | 125,85 | t/year |
| Annual amount of waste introduced in the digester (dry organic matter) | 106,42 | t/year |
| Annual amount of organic matter degraded | 73,23 | t/year |
| Needs of dilution water (only for wet digestion processes) | 0 | m3/year |
| Digestate recirculation rate | 0 | % |
| Needs of waste in terms of dry matter to concentrate (only for dry digestion) | 0 | t/year |
| Total amount of digestate produced (fresh matter) | 879,17 | t/year |
| Volume of anaerobic digester | 133,58 | m³ |
| Hydraulic retention time | 50,84 | days |
| Thermal energy required for the heating of the anaerobic digester | 36,54 | MWh/year |
| Gross methane production (annual) | 33.062,98 | Nm3/year |
| Gross biogas production (annual) | 56.249,96 | Nm3/year |
| Gross biogas production (average per hour) | 6,42 | Nm3/h |
| Excessive digestate recirculation (if recirculation rate is >30%) | No | |
| Ammonia inhibition risk | No | |
| C/N ratio out of range | C/N too low (14) | |

Use of the biogas 1 (Boiler)

Data of the biogas valorisation system

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| Use of biogas in | Boiler | |
| Use of produced electric energy | No | |
| Use of produced thermal energy | Sale | |
| Use of produced biomethane | No | |
| Needs of thermal energy near to the biogas plant | 0,00 | MWh/year |
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| Recoverable thermal energy in boiler | 279,63 | MWh/year |
| Thermal power installed in boiler | 36,70 | kW |
| Unrecovered thermal energy in boiler | 0,00 | MWh/year |
| Investment in boiler system | 10.861,84 | € |
| Income or savings (sale or use of the thermal energy) | 14.585,24 | €/year |

Economic viability analysis. Investment project

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| Investment | 130.978,00 | € |
| Biogas plant | 120.116,16 | € |
| Biogas valorisation system | 10.861,84 | € |
| Other | 0,00 | € |
| Income | 14.585,24 | €/year |
| Sale of Thermal energy | 14.585,24 | €/year |
| Energy savings | 0,00 | €/year |
| Waste management | 0,00 | €/year |
| Other incomes | 0,00 | €/year |
| Sale or saving (sale or use) of digestate | 0,00 | €/year |
| Selling price of electric energy | 0,00 | c€/kWh |
| Selling price of thermal energy | 6,00 | c€/kWh |
| Selling price of biomethane | 0,00 | c€/kWh |
| Expenses | 2.193,82 | €/year |
| Operating and maintenance (O&M) | 1.458,52 | €/year |
| Staff | 735,30 | €/year |
| Transport and handling of waste | 0,00 | €/year |
| Cost of waste (co-substrates) | 0,00 | € |
| Transport of digestate | 0,00 | € |
| Other expenses | 0,00 | €/year |
| O&M as percentage of the sale of products and energy savings | 10,00 | % |
| Labour intensity | 0,0002 | h/t·d |
| Labour cost | 15,00 | €/h |
| Days worked per year | 258,00 | working day |
| Unit handling cost | 0,00 | €/t |

Economic viability analysis. Financial study of the investment project.

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| Financing | 130.978,00 | € |
| Subsidies | 0,00 | € |
| Own funding | 130.978,00 | € |
| Loans | 0,00 | € |
| Percentage of subsidies | 0,00 | % |
| Percentage of own funding | 100,00 | % |
| Percentage of loan | 0,00 | % |
| Interest rate of loan | 4,70 | % |

Financial indicators

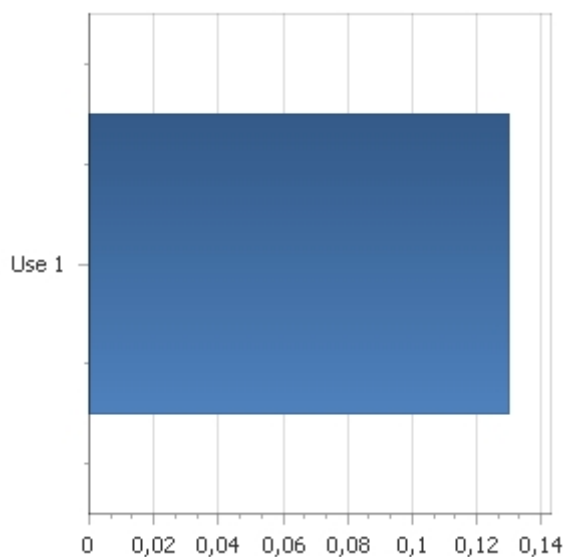
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| Gross operating profit or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) | 12.391,41 | €/year |
| Net present value (NPV) | -46.581,77 | € |
| NPV/initial investment | -0,356 | - |
| Internal return rate (IRR) | -6,49 | % |
| Payback period | 10,57 | years |
| Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) | 12,00 | % |
| Capital Recovery Factor (CRF) | 14,68 | % |

Environmental viability analysis

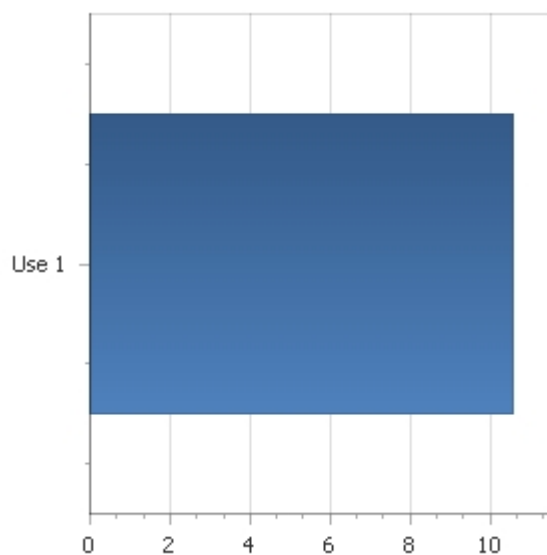
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| Primary energy obtained from the recovery of the biogas | 279,63 | MWh/year |
| Savings of CO2 emissions | 77,74 | t/year |
| Savings in artificial fertilizers | 3890 | kgN/year |
| Utilization of the digestate in | Vulnerable area | |
| Cultivation area required for application of digestate | 22,88 | ha |

Overview

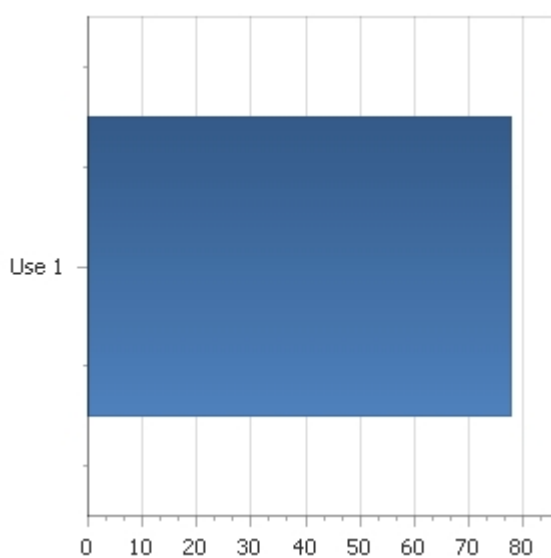
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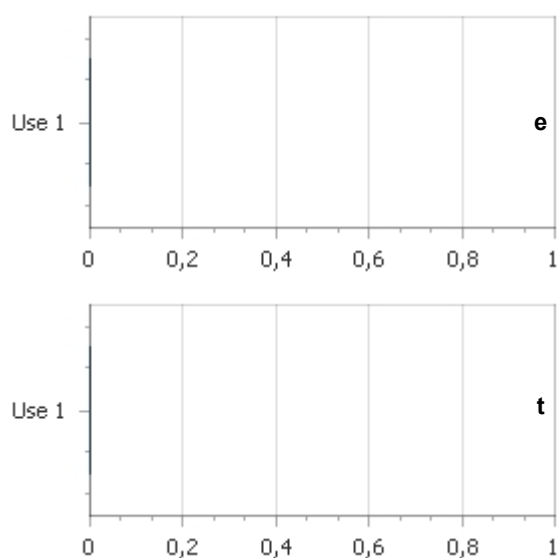
Payback period (years)



CO2-eq emissions savings (t/year)



Self-consumed energy (%)



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