

# Status quo from Biomass gasification CHP-plant systems in Germany

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# INTRODUCTION

## The FEE – Society for the promotion of Renewable Energies

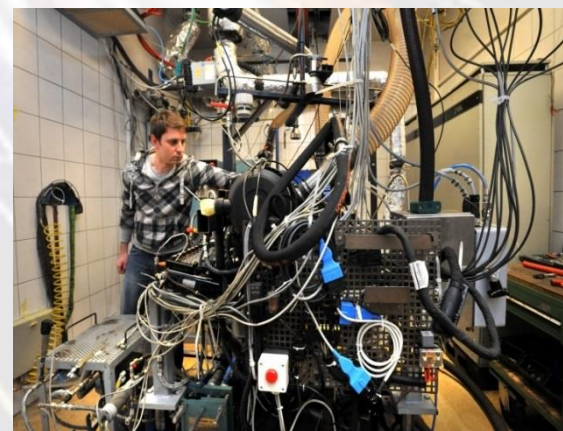
**Comprehensive Approach  
to the energy transition  
phase „Energiewende“**

**Inclusion of the whole system and  
acting as an intermediary between  
SMEs, research institutes and  
political environment**

**Working group meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Topic: „EEG 2016, economics of CHP biomass  
systems and EU markets“  
Hosted by: Nordic embassies – Embassy of  
Finland, Berlin**

**Working group meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>  
and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Topic: „Reduction of emissions of  
thermochemical gasification in CHP systems“  
Hosted by: WTZ Roßlau (Wissenschaftlich-  
Technisches Zentrum für Motoren-und  
Maschinenforschung Roßlau gGmbH) and  
Bauhaus Dessau**

**Working group ‚Biomass Gasification‘  
under the direction of Dipl.-Ing. Dieter Bräkow**



**Technology-oriented  
strategy**

**Expert conferences  
Plants visits**

**Manufacturers meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in  
Neufahrn, Bavaria  
Including a visit of the wood-fired power plant  
production units from Spanner Re<sup>2</sup> GmbH, in-  
house fair and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration  
Hosted by: Spanner Re<sup>2</sup> GmbH Neufahrn in  
Niederbayern**

**Spanner Re<sup>2</sup>**

**Solution-oriented overall  
approach**

**Workshop „Wood ashes management in  
Biomass gasification systems“ in cooperation  
with Bundesgütegemeinschaft Holzasche e.V. ,  
[www.holzaschen.de](http://www.holzaschen.de) on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Including a Stadtwerke Ulm plants visit  
Hosted by: Stadtwerke Ulm, Senden**

Zusammen  
für eine  
bessere Umwelt

**SWU**

## Working group Biomass Gasification



## Mitglieder der AG Vergasung von Biomasse

## Members of Working group 'Biomass Gasification'

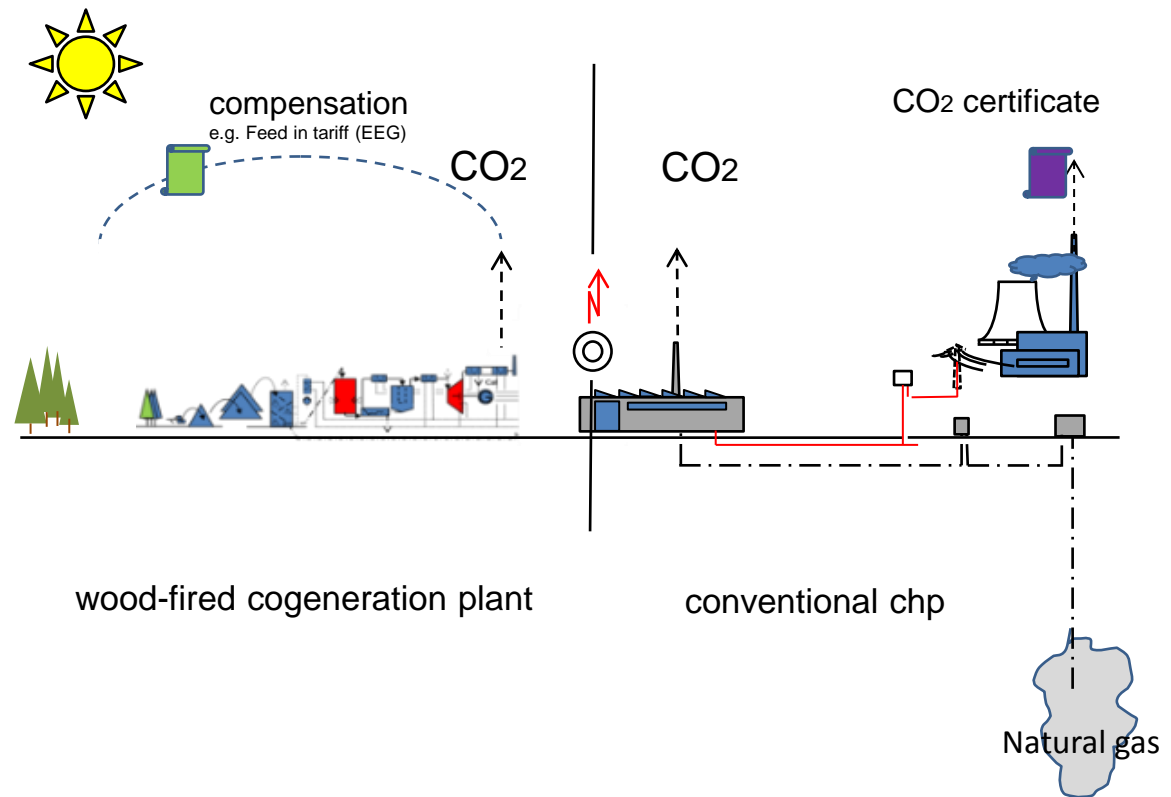
- Legende**
- Entwickler, Hersteller, Anbieter
  - Wissenschaftl. Einrichtungen
  - Betreiber, Zulieferer, Berater, Planer



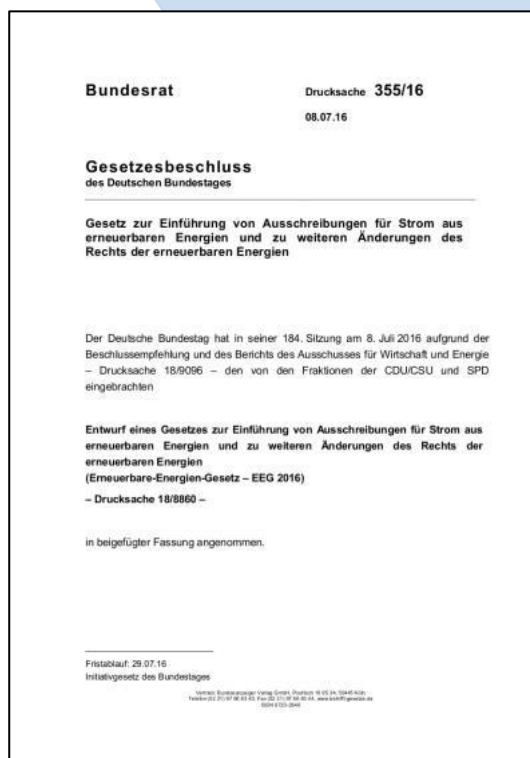


# Wood gasification CHP-plants in the overall energy system

The key to the implementation of plants based on thermochemical gas generated out from solid biomass lies in the nature of the core process: the plants require heat, provide heat and therefore enjoy a privileged place among customers in need of thermal energy and disposing of wood, as well as being able to substitute conventionally produced heat and electricity at retail prices



# Over 3 regulations the market conditions of wood gasification CHP-plants in Germany got significantly complicated



EEG 2016



KWKG 2016



COMPONENT FOR A NEW EWG?

# MANUFACTURER SURVEY 2017

## Small scale gasification & chp



A.H.T. Pyrogas Vertriebs GmbH  
Bauer Holzenergie GmbH & Co. KG  
Bernd Joos  
Blue Tower GmbH  
BR Energy Group AG  
Burkhardt GmbH  
Christof Holding AG  
Entrade Energiesysteme AG  
EQTEC  
Ettenberger GmbH & Co. KG /  
Biotech GmbH  
Fröling Heizkessel- und Behälterbau  
Ges.m.b.H.  
GLOCK Ökoenergie GmbH  
Gräbner Hans – Behälter- und  
Apparatebau Holzgasanlagen  
Hargassner GmbH  
Holzenergie Wegscheid GmbH  
Kohlbach Holding GmbH  
Kopf Syngas GmbH & Co. KG  
Ligento Green Power GmbH  
LiPRO Energy GmbH & Co. KG  
Maschinen- und Anlagenbau Werner  
GmbH, KWS Strohmenger

Mothermilk GmbH  
Nexterra  
Pyrox Italia Srl  
Qalovis Farmer Automatic  
Energy GmbH  
ReGaWatt GmbH  
REPOTEC GmbH  
Revogas in Burgeis IT  
Spanner Re2 GmbH  
Stadtwerke Rosenheim GmbH  
& Co. KG  
SynCraft GmbH  
URBAS-Maschinenfabrik GmbH  
Volter Oy  
GTS Syngas  
Xyloenergy GmbH  
Xylogas / EAF  
Energieanlagenforschung GmbH

## Manufacturers survey 2017

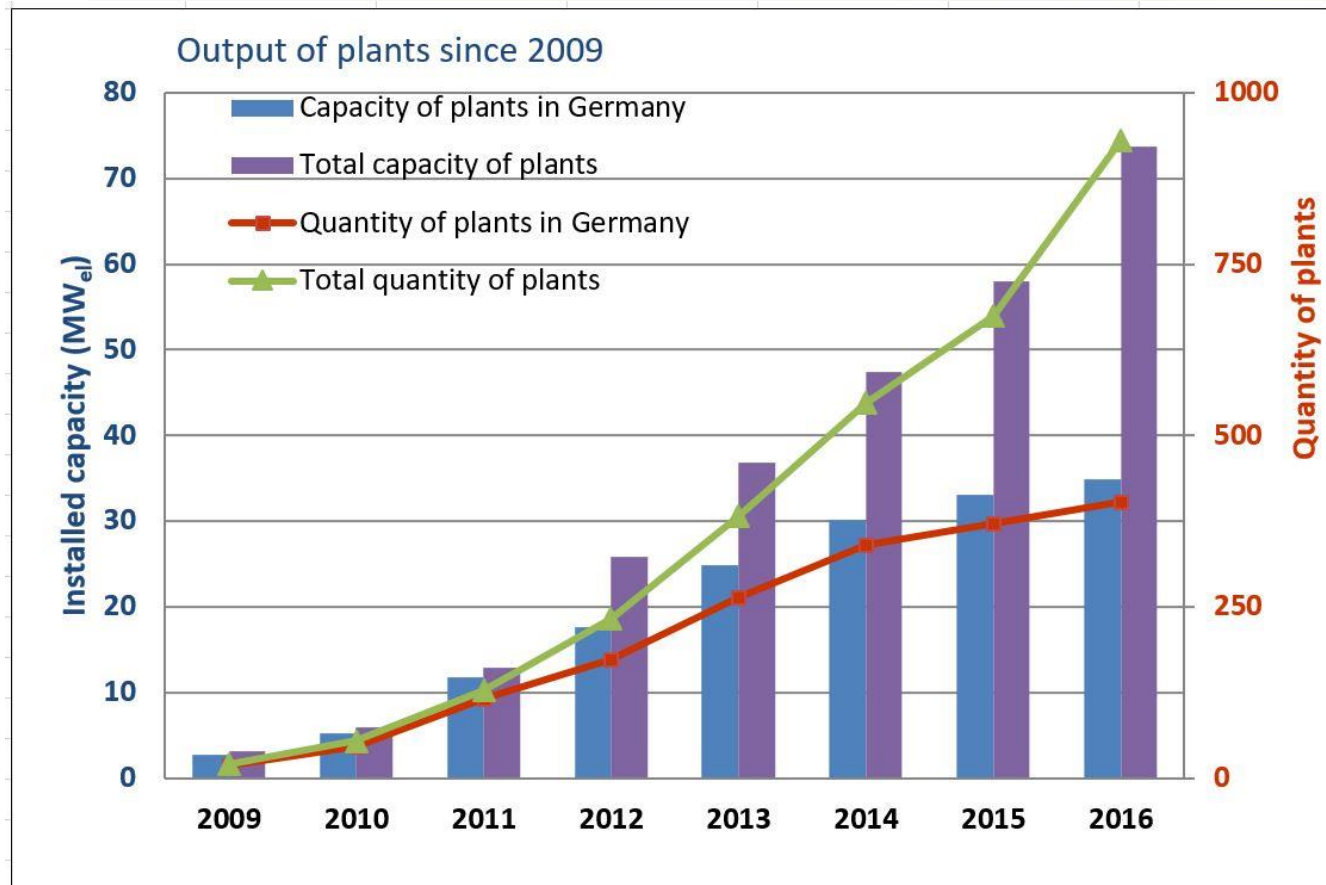
Survey has been carried out since  
2009

Data compiled out of the  
participation of 39 companies  
including **14 FEE members**

31.12.2016 as a reference date

Asked was the overall number of  
operating gasification plants  
until end 2016 in Germany and  
abroad

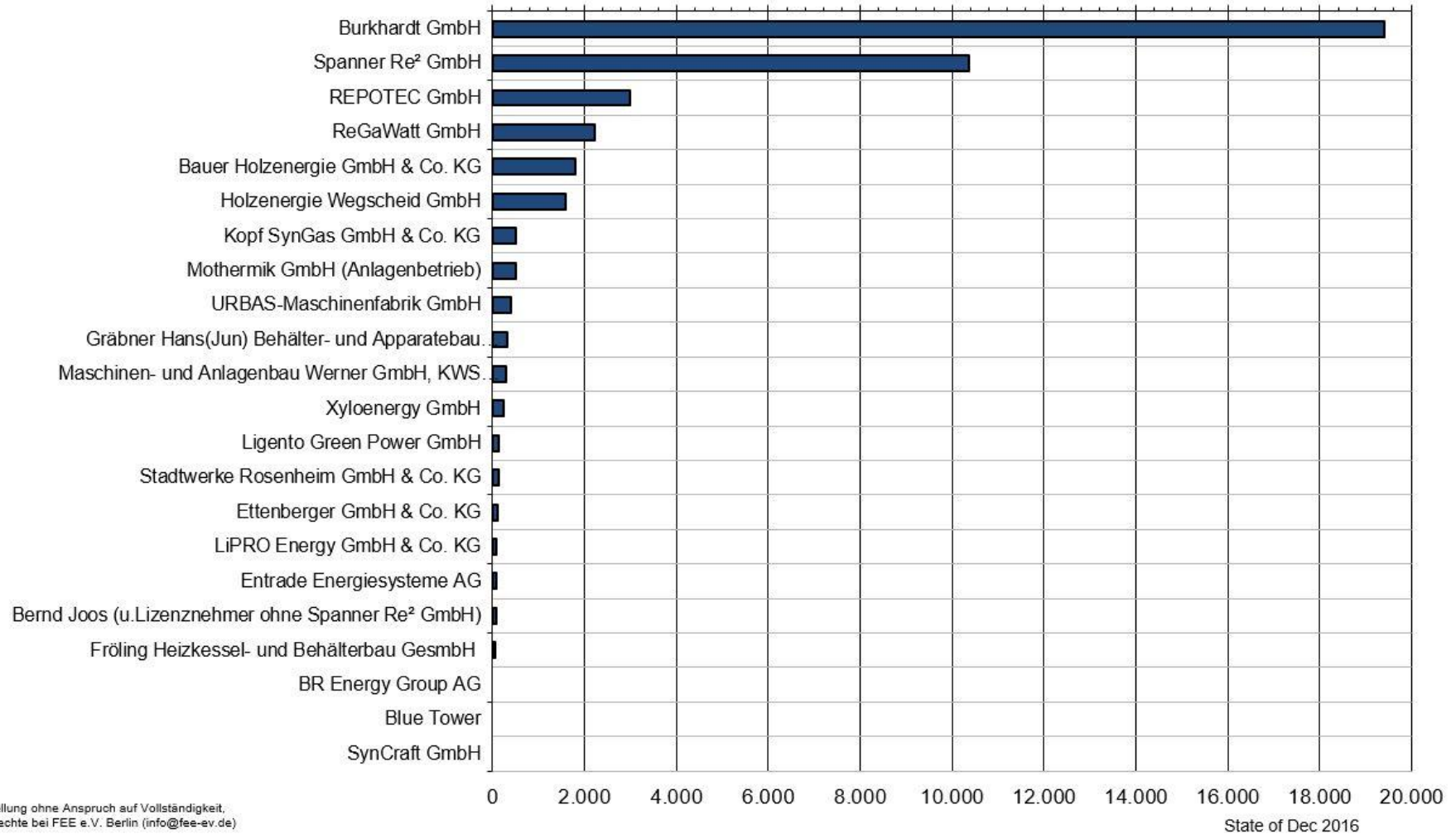
# installed capacity total / GER



since 2011 international markets grew stronger than German market

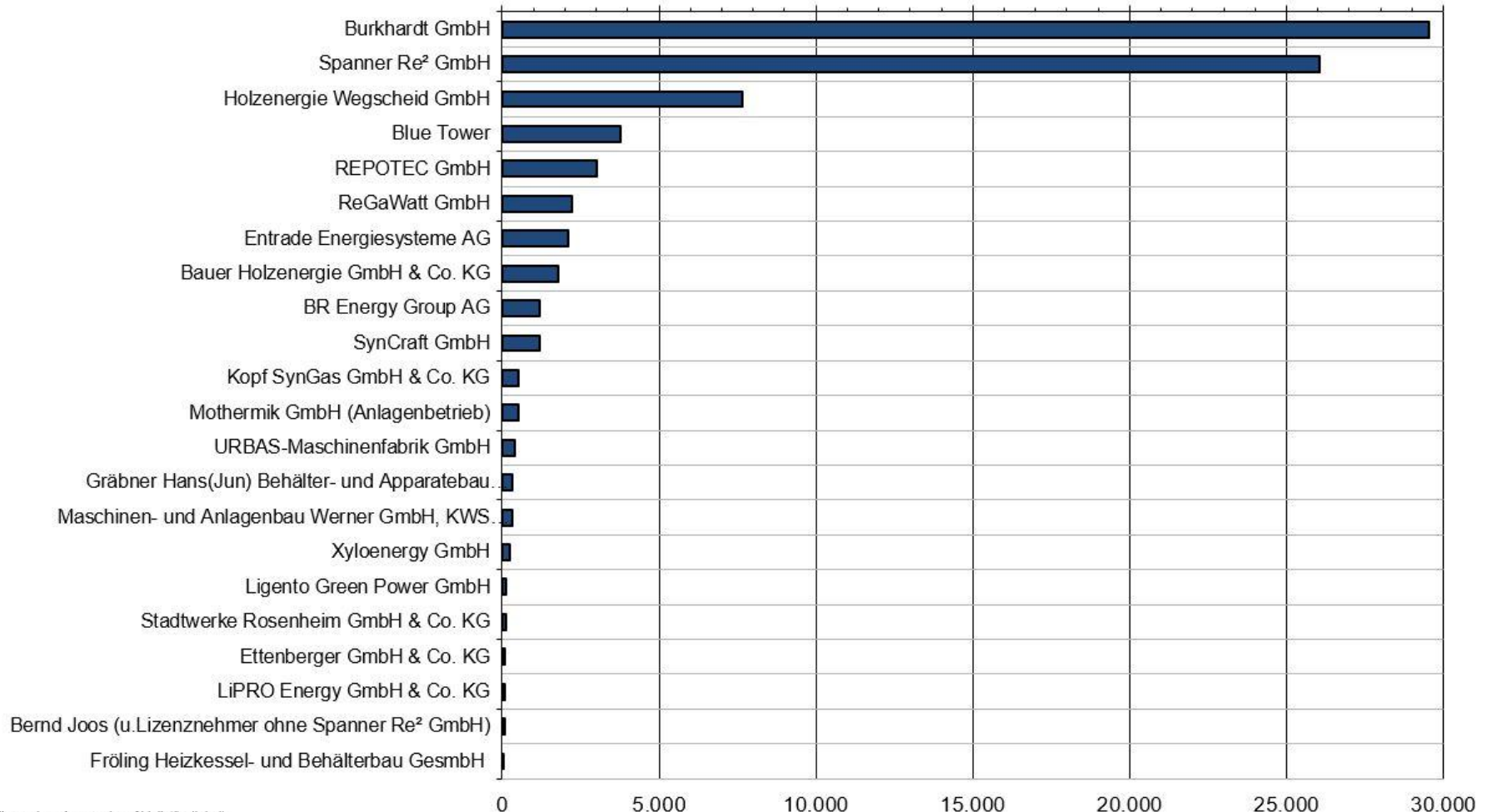
# installed capacity Germany by manufacturer

Total installed capacity  $P_{el}$  [kW] in Germany



# installed capacity total by manufacturer

Total installed capacity  $P_{el}$  [kW]



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\*REPOTECs capacity is based on plant in Senden, Germany, more information upcoming

State of Dec 2016

# trend: serial production (leader by capacity in kW)



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## Technical fact sheet

Electrical output

**50 and 165 or 180 kW**

thermal output

**100 and 260 or 270 kW**

fueled with Pellets,  
electrical efficiency

**30%**

Assembling of ascending co-current flow gas generators with moving bed and wood gasification CHP plant, since 2016 available as 50 kWel plant. Dual fuel engines have been replaced by otto engines lately. Status by end 2016: 171 plants in customer hands (information based on current state and contracts)



# Trend: serial production (leader by # of plants)



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**Spanner** *Re<sup>2</sup>*

## Technical fact sheet

electrical output  
from 9 until 45 kW,  
thermal output  
from 25 until 108 kW  
fueled with wood chips  
electrical efficiency  
23-25%

Wood gasification CHP plant with descending co-current flow in fixed bed and dry gas cleaning

Status by end 2016: 623 plants in customer hands

Latest news: off-grid installation with battery has been successfully tested during past weeks



# Trend: investment in new production capacity

Picture provided by the manufacturer



6x125 kW modular design

Now produced in Sonnen (Bavaria), gas generator with descending fixed bed in co-current flow, hot gas cleaning and wood gasification CHP plant  
Status by end 2016: ~ 107 plants in customer hands

**holz energie**  
wegscheid

## Technical fact sheet

electrical output

**65, 125, 140 kW**

thermal output

**110, 230, 260 kW**

fueled with wood chips

## Trend: use of complicated fuel and customized demand driven CHP design

Picture provided by the manufacturer



**Core piece:  
the Biomass-Kombi-Power-System®**

**Technical fact sheet**  
electrical output until **2.450 kW**  
thermal output until **4.300 kW**  
**Fueled with**  
„challenging“ wood chips  
electrical efficiency **30 %**

Gas generator with descending fixed bed in counter flow + combustion chamber+  
optional electricity generation by hot gas turbines,  
Now even stable as counter-current flow system, gas cleaning and gas engine  
Status end 2016: Gas generators in 4 locations in customer hands, with 4 site-specific gas uses

**Trend: market demand for own electricity production (combined with full use of heat) led to a boost in small-scale (9 - 65 KweI) plant production**

Self-supplied electricity“ made possible with the help of wood gasification CHP plants became a business segment on ist own



65 kWel plant from Holzenergie Wegscheid GmbH



9kWel plant from Spanner Re<sup>2</sup> GmbH



50 kWel plant from Burkhardt GmbH



25 kWel plant from Ettenberger



**trend: gaining experience with the use of challenging fuels in the small-scale power range < 50 kWel in Germany**

Pictures provided by the manufacturers



**LiPRO**  
energy

**Technical fact sheet**

electrical efficiency

**30 and 50 kW,**

thermal efficiency

**70 and 110 kW kW**

fueled with  
„challenging“ wood chips  
max. 8000 h/a

Second plant: graduated co-current pyrolysis, -oxidation and -reduction processes and wood gasification CHP plant, with high availability during first tests  
Status by end 2016: 2 plants in customer hands

## Excursion: status of Biomass gasification CHP-plants in South Tyrol

Enabled through cooperation with Gerd Huber IDM Südtirol / Alto Adige, Bolzano (It)



Picture: Gerd Huber

50 kWel plant from Stadtwerke Rosenheim,  
Installed in municipality of Brixen in a small district heating station  
Source: correspondence with Mr G. Huber, IDM Südtirol

### **STATUS early 2016**

**41 operating plants**  
**70 operating gasification modules**  
**Total output: 7.384 kW**

### **Legal framework**

2008: 1. incentive feed-in tariff 28€Cent/kWhel  
→ led to a boom

From 2013 on tariffs has been cut to 25,7€Cent/kWhel  
(by use of wood by-products to e.g. 22,9€Cent/kWhel)  
Bonuses were established  
between +1 to +4 cent/kWh → led to a continuous boom

### **CURRENT STATE**

First amendment of the incentive program was  
implemented -> made it possible to use the tariffs from 1.  
amendment until end June 2017

### **EXAMPLES**

SpannerRe<sup>2</sup>: 25 plants with overall 46 modules;  
Burkhardt: 5 plants with overall 11 modules;  
Urbas: 3 plants with overall 4 modules

## Excursion: Status of Biomass gasification CHP-plants in Switzerland

Enabled through cooperation with Martin Rügsegger, National Delegate for Switzerland by the Task 33 IEA

Bioenergy together with BR Engineering GmbH



### **STATUS by end 2016**

**4+1 plant**

**7 wood gasification modules**

**Overall output 1.620 kWel**

### **LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

Swiss cantons have a wide margin of discretion and compensate independently.

The energy regulation (EnV) of 7.12.1998 together with the directive «kostendeckende Einspeisevergütung (KEV)», Art. 7a EnG, Biomass annex 1.5 EnV.

define the feed-in rate with a current level as of 1. June 2015

### **EXAMPLES**

BR Engineering: 1 pl. with 2 modules 2 x 500 kW

Ligento: 1 plant with 2 modules 2 x 140 kW

Spanner Re2: 1 plant with 1 module 45 kW

Wegscheid: 1 plant with 1 module 130 kW

In process/Burkhardt: 1 pl. With 1 module 165 kW

Additional plants have been planned



Picture: BR Engineering GmbH

2x 500 kWel plants from cooperative Stans

Source: correspondence with BR Engineering GmbH



# Upcoming dates

# FEE Agenda 2017

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**MAY 31<sup>st</sup> – JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**BIOMASS TO POWER AND HEAT,  
HOCHSCHULE ZITTAU**



Topics: biomass sourcing, decentral generation, new markets, thermochemical biomass gasification

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**WORKSHOP**

Working group biomass gasification,  
**EUROFINS**



## Working group Biomass Gasification

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**JULI 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**MANUFACTURERS MEETING,  
ETTENBERGER,  
Fulda**



**19.-24. SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**HOLZENERGIEKONGRESS,  
WÜRZBURG**



FEE is drafting the wood gasification stream program in cooperation with Fachkongress Holzenergie

# FEE Agenda 2017

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DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

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