

NGVA Europe's project mission:

NGVA Europe is responsible for organising two international seminars in the course of the project, one of the early stages of the project (January 2010), to present the results from the mapping of best practices in WP2, and another one towards the end of the project, to disseminate the results of the project as a whole.

The 1st International Seminar was already celebrated on 28th January 2010 in Malmö, Sweden. The conference was a great success and had more than 80 participants from more than 20 different countries.



The **GasHighWay**- 1st Int. Seminar in Sweden organised by NGVA Europe: A great success!

Through a series of 15 presentations by the **GasHighWay** partners and various NGVA Europe members on best practice examples from across Europe, attendees learnt about latest NGV technologies and activities, as well as future challenges that must be solved to increase the growth and acceptance of NGVs in the European marketplace.

More info at the project official website www.gashighway.net, where among other things you can find [the map of NG/Biomethane existing filling stations](#).

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CZBA - CZECH BIOGAS ASSOCIATION, Czech Republic
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NGVA Europe takes part in EU project: The GasHighWay

The European Union has set the target of increasing the share of biofuels and so-called alternative fuels, including natural gas, in traffic to 10 and 20 %, respectively, by 2020. This project addresses this challenge by promoting the uptake of gaseous vehicle fuels, namely upgraded biogas (biomethane) and compressed natural gas (CNG), as well as the production and upgrading of biogas for vehicle fuel. The long-term objective of the project is to promote the realisation of a comprehensive network of filling stations for biomethane and natural gas spanning Europe from the north, Finland and Sweden, to the south, Italy, in other words: the **GasHighWay**.

The main target groups of the project are operators of vehicle fleets, municipal and regional authorities, and existing and potential biogas producers.



Project objectives:

The project aims at stimulating the spread of best practices and best available technologies in the uptake of gaseous fuels in vehicles, the expansion of the gas filling station network and the production and upgrading of biogas to vehicle fuel as well as its delivery to customers in Europe, through the following activities, among others:

- Promoting the implementation and expansion of distribution systems for gaseous vehicle fuels and removing barriers to investment in the fuel supply infrastructure.

- Providing knowledge transfer and technical support to organisations interested in the uptake of gas vehicle fleets, and organising information and networking activities associated with exhibitions of gas vehicles.
- Providing knowledge transfer and technical support to potential and existing biogas producers.
- Communicating to key decision-makers and local authorities the main regulatory and market barriers hindering the development of the gas refuelling and biogas production/upgrading infrastructure.
- Creating a roadmap for the European **GasHighWay**.
- Raising the awareness of the key target groups along with the general public and decision makers on the use of biomethane and CNG as vehicle fuel.

As result of these activities, the number of gas vehicles, gas filling stations and investment plans to initiate biogas production and/or upgrading will increase significantly in the main target countries, and the general acceptance and image of the gaseous vehicle fuels will improve.



The GasHighWay partners at the kick-off meeting in Jyväskylä, Finland in June 2009