



**Asja Group**

**biogas basic principles, landfill gas,  
waste gas and state of art**



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## ■ LANDFILL GAS PLANTS

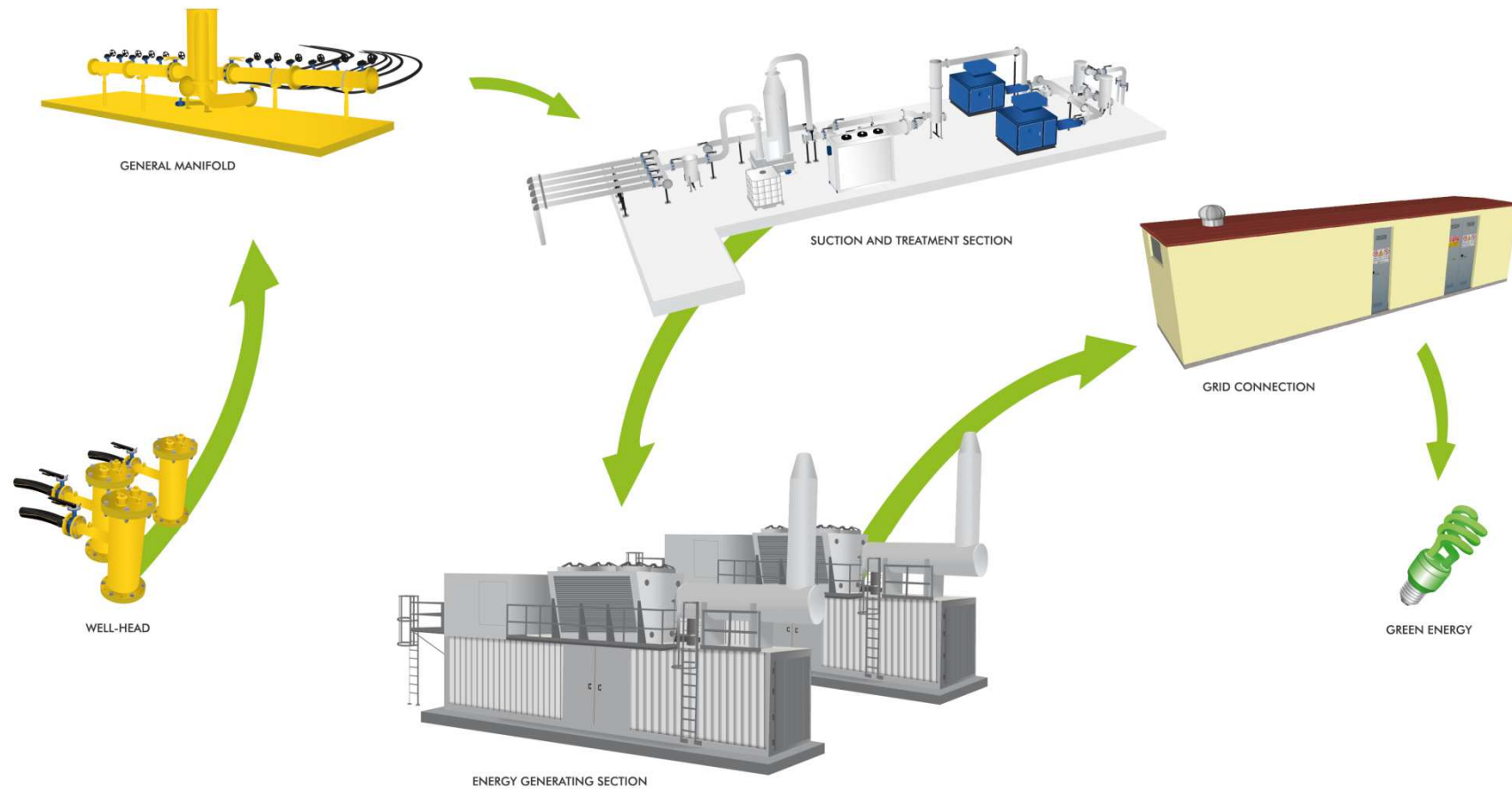


### **We generate energy from landfill gas**

Asja is a major player in the international scenario of power generation from landfill gas generated at municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill sites.



## ■ LANDFILL GAS PLANTS





## ■ THE DEGRADATION OF URBAN WASTE



Landfill biogas is the product of **anaerobic degradation** of the organic fraction of solid urban waste.

### Composition of biogas

Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	35-60%
Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	30-60%
Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	0-2%
Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)	2-5%
Other gases: Hydrogen sulphide (H <sub>2</sub> S); Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> ); Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ); Trace amounts of other compounds (mercaptans, ammonia,...)	2-5%



## ■ FROM WASTE TO ENERGY



The capture of biogas generated from landfills avoids the release into the air of its most harmful component: methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ). This gas poisons the atmosphere 21 times more than carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ).

To produce energy from biogas instead of fossil fuels - the quantity being the same - makes it possible to achieve an appreciable reduction in the quantity of  $\text{CO}_2$  produced.



## ■ THE PLANT BENEFITS



- Odor abatement.
- Reduced risk of fires.
- Greenhouse gas emissions avoided as no fossil fuel sources are used.
- The greenhouse effect due to the release of biogas from landfill sites is reduced.
- Production of green energy from a renewable source.



## ■ BIOGAS NUMBERS



**347,000** MWh green energy produced

**1,400,000** ton CO<sub>2</sub> avoided

**560,000** oil barrels saved

**46** biogas plants built from 1995

**26** biogas plants in operation  
(1 of which under construction)

**72.4** MW installed power





## ▪ 26 LANDFILL GAS PLANTS 72.4 MW INSTALLED POWER

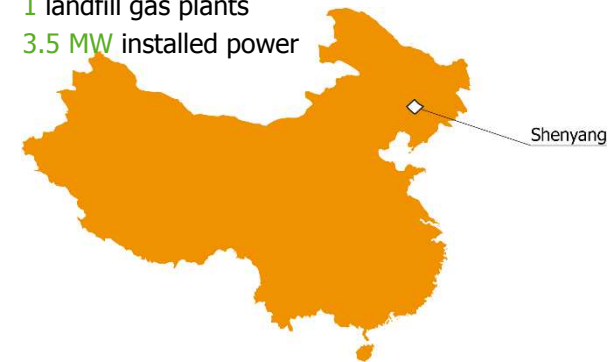
### Italy

22 landfill gas plants  
56.1 MW installed power



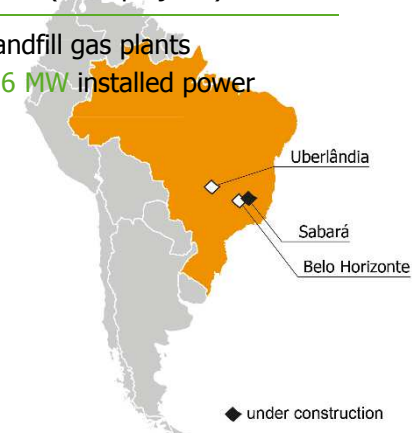
### China (CDM projects)

1 landfill gas plants  
3.5 MW installed power



### Brazil (CDM projects)

3 landfill gas plants  
12.6 MW installed power







## ■ OFMSW PLANTS



- 2 plants under construction (Foligno and Pianezza)
  - Plants capacity = 499 Sm<sup>3</sup>/h Biomethane
  - Plants size = 40.000 t/h OFMSW
- 2 plants under development (Viterbo and Roma)



## ■ LANDFILL GAS PLANTS ITALY



Landfill gas plant | Monte Scarpino (Genoa)



Landfill gas plant | Pianezza (Turin)



Landfill gas plant | Tufino (Naples)

Since 1995 to date, Asja has designed and built **46 biogas-to-energy plants** in 12 regions of Italy and it operates 22 of them.



## ■ LANDFILL GAS PLANTS WORLD



Landfill gas plant | Shenyang (China)



Landfill gas plant | Uberlandia (Brazil)



Landfill gas plant | Belo Horizonte (Brazil)

Active abroad, namely in China and Brazil, Asja also works in the framework of the **Flexible Mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol**. With its CDM projects in China and South America, in 2015 Asja contributed

to **abating over 300,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>**. Asja's South American CO<sub>2</sub> reduction projects are currently **Gold Standard-certified**.



## ■ BIOMETHANE FROM ORGANIC WASTE



Biomethane plant (Piedmont - Italy) - detail of the render of the project

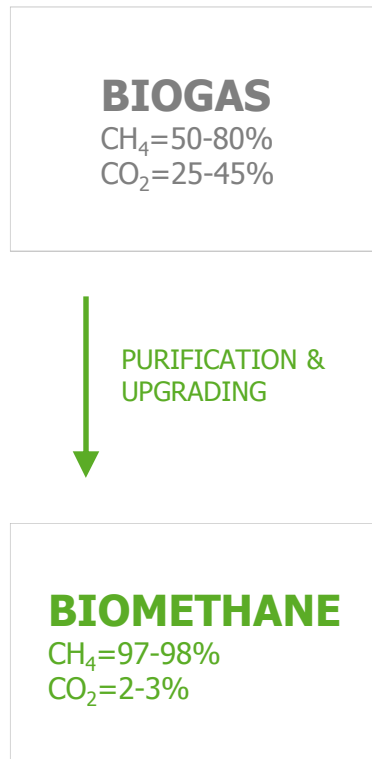
### A new frontier in biogas-to-energy systems

We build plants producing biomethane for energy generation from:

- the organic fraction of municipal solid waste;
- waste and by-products from the agroindustrial sector.



## ■ BIOGAS UPGRADING



Biogas Upgrading to high energy biomethane is commonly used to produce SNG (substitute natural gas used for injecting into grid) and/or CNG (compressed natural gas employed as a fuel in transportation).

In this process the most crucial operation is a separation of CO<sub>2</sub> from biogas, which is carried out by technology based on unit operations like absorption or permeation.





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