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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The biosyngas market is rapidly gaining importance in the global energy transition, offering a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels while addressing waste management challenges. This dynamic sector is driven by increasing demand for renewable energy, stricter carbon regulations, and a shift towards a circular economy. Biosyngas stands out for its versatility, serving industries such as power generation, transportation, and chemical manufacturing, while also attracting municipalities focused on waste-to-energy solutions. Advances in technology, combined with growing policy support and investment, are accelerating its adoption. To fully harness this potential, collaboration among stakeholders, investment in innovation, and advocacy for supportive regulations will be essential. As a clean and adaptable energy source, biosyngas is positioned to play a pivotal role in building a sustainable energy future.

### **Key Findings**

The market analysis conducted for the biosyngas sector has revealed insights that underscore the potential and viability of this emerging industry:

- Market Size and Growth Potential: Europe's biogases production (combined biogas and biomethane) in 2022 amounted to 21 billion cubic meters, with a projected annual growth rate of 4-7% over the next 5 years (see section 3 for further details. This growth is driven by increasing demand for renewable energy sources and the need for sustainable waste management solutions. The transition towards a circular economy, where waste is viewed as a resource, is further propelling the market forward. As municipalities and industries seek to reduce their carbon footprints, biosyngas presents a compelling alternative to traditional fossil fuels.
- Key Players and segments: The analysis built a landscape to define the biosyngas value chain and its main players sorted by their positioning, trying to identify relevant segments and key triggers for the SUPREMAS technology positioning.
- Potential Users and Customers: The primary users of biosyngas include industries such as power generation, transportation, and chemical manufacturing. Additionally, municipalities and waste management authorities are emerging as significant customers due to their interest in sustainable waste-to-energy solutions. The versatility of biosyngas allows it to be utilized in various applications, from electricity generation to as a feedstock for chemical processes, making it an attractive option for a wide range of sectors.

### **Market Trends**

Several trends are shaping the biosyngas market, indicating a robust future for this sector:

- Increased Policy and Regulatory Support: Governments are implementing stricter regulations on carbon emissions, which is driving the adoption of renewable energy technologies, including biosyngas production. Incentives and subsidies for renewable energy projects are becoming more common, creating a favorable environment for investment and innovation. The alignment of biosyngas production with national and international climate goals further enhances its attractiveness.
- Technological Advancements: Innovations in gasification technologies and biogas upgrading processes are enhancing the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of biosyngas production. The integration of artificial intelligence and data analytics is also improving operational efficiencies in waste management and energy production. These advancements are crucial for optimizing the production process, reducing costs, and increasing the overall yield of biosyngas.
- Growing Investment in Renewable Energy: There is a notable increase in investment from both public and private sectors in renewable energy projects. This trend is expected to continue as stakeholders recognize the long-term benefits of transitioning to sustainable energy sources. The increasing availability of funding and investment opportunities is likely to accelerate the development and deployment of biosyngas technologies.

### Recommendations

Based on the findings and market trends, the following recommendations are proposed to stakeholders in the biosyngas sector:



- Engage with Key Stakeholders: It is crucial to establish partnerships with key players in the biosyngas value chain, including technology providers and potential customers. Collaborative efforts can enhance market penetration and facilitate the development of innovative solutions. Building a network of stakeholders can also foster knowledge sharing and best practices, driving the sector forward.
- Focus on R&D: Continued investment in research and development is essential to stay ahead of technological advancements. Developing new processes and improving existing technologies will be vital for maintaining a competitive edge in the market. Companies should prioritize R&D initiatives that focus on cost reduction, efficiency improvements, and the development of new applications for biosyngas.
- Leverage Policy Support: Companies should actively engage with associations, cooperatives and advocacy entities, and through them with relevant policymakers to advocate for supportive regulations and incentives that promote the biosyngas sector. This engagement can help shape a favorable business environment and encourage further investment. By aligning business strategies with policy objectives, companies can enhance their market positioning and secure long-term growth.
- Market Education and Awareness: Increasing awareness of the benefits of biosyngas among decision makers, industry associations, and potential users and customers is crucial. Educational campaigns and outreach initiatives can help demonstrate the value of biosyngas as a sustainable energy solution. By highlighting successful case studies and the environmental benefits of biosyngas, stakeholders can build trust and encourage adoption among end-users.

In conclusion, the biosyngas market presents significant opportunities for growth and innovation. By addressing the identified challenges and leveraging the emerging trends, stakeholders can position themselves effectively in this dynamic sector, contributing to a more sustainable energy future.



# 1 INTRODUCTION

### **1.1 Background**

The SUPREMAS project emerges in a critical context characterized by the ongoing decline in natural gas production within the European Union (EU) and the increasing dependence on external energy sources. As the EU strives to meet its ambitious energy transition objectives, the need for innovative solutions that can facilitate the shift towards renewable and sustainable energy sources has never been more pressing. In this framework, the production of syngas—an intermediate energy carrier derived from the gasification of various biomass feedstocks—plays a pivotal role.

Syngas, primarily composed of hydrogen and carbon monoxide, can be produced from a diverse range of organic materials, including agricultural residues, municipal solid waste, and sewage sludge. This versatility not only allows for the valorization of waste materials but also contributes to the circular economy by transforming discarded resources into valuable energy. The ability to generate syngas from local feedstocks enhances energy security and reduces reliance on imported fossil fuels, aligning with the EU's goals of achieving energy independence and sustainability.

The SUPREMAS project is strategically positioned within the broader European and global energy landscape, where the transition to renewable energy sources is a key priority. By developing compact, modular, and movable syngas production units, SUPREMAS aims to demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of decentralized energy systems. These systems are particularly suited for small communities and industrial applications, enabling localized energy production that meets specific energy demands while minimizing environmental impact.

Moreover, the project emphasizes the importance of integrating advanced technologies for syngas production and purification, ensuring that the generated syngas meets the stringent quality standards required for various applications, including direct injection into the gas grid and utilization in combined heat and power (CHP) systems. Through the implementation of a Decision Support System (DSS) and the establishment of a comprehensive framework for stakeholder engagement, SUPREMAS seeks to facilitate the adoption of syngas technologies across Europe.

In summary, the SUPREMAS project not only addresses the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions in the EU but also contributes to the global effort to combat climate change by promoting the use of renewable energy sources. By harnessing the potential of syngas production, SUPREMAS aims to pave the way for a more resilient and sustainable energy future.

### **1.2** Objectives, scope and methodology of the Market Analysis

### 1.2.1 Objectives

The primary objective of the market analysis (D1.1) is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the biosyngas market at the onset of the project. This analysis will serve as a foundational element for the project's strategic planning and implementation. The specific objectives include:

- Market Identification: To identify and define the biosyngas market, including its scope, key characteristics, and the various segments within it. This involved understanding the different applications of biosyngas and the technologies involved in its production and utilization.
- Market Sizing: To estimate the current size of the biosyngas market and project its growth potential over the coming years. This included quantitative assessments of market demand, supply, and pricing trends, as well as qualitative insights into market dynamics.
- Growth Potential Assessment: To evaluate the growth potential of the biosyngas market, identifying key
  drivers and barriers to market expansion. This involved analyzing trends in renewable energy, regulatory
  frameworks, and technological advancements that could impact the market.
- Identification of Potential Users and Customers: To identify and profile potential users and customers of the SUPREMAS technology, including industries and sectors that could benefit from its application. This helps in understanding the target audience for the project results and in tailoring communication strategies accordingly.



Value Chain Analysis: To map the value chain of the biosyngas market, identifying key players and stakeholders involved in the production, distribution, and consumption of biosyngas. This included an analysis of suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and end-users, as well as their roles and interactions within the market.

By achieving these objectives, the market analysis aims not only inform the project's strategic direction but also enhance the consortium's ability to effectively engage with stakeholders and maximize the impact of the project results in the biosyngas market.

### 1.2.2 Methodology

The methodology for conducting this market analysis included the following steps:

- Data Collection: A systematic approach was employed to gather data from various sources, including industry reports, academic publications, market surveys, interviews with key stakeholders were planned but due to time shortage will be evaluated further during the project implementation;
- Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis: Both qualitative and quantitative methods were utilized to analyze the collected data. Qualitative analysis focuses on understanding market dynamics, while quantitative analysis involves statistical methods to estimate market size and growth;
- Analysis of Existing Funded Projects Literature: Projects related to biosyngas funded by EU programs were assessed;
- **Market modeling and Reporting**: The findings of the analysis were compiled into a comprehensive report detailing the market characteristics, growth potential, and strategic recommendations for stakeholders.

By following this structured approach, Deliverable D1.1 aims to provide a thorough understanding of the biosyngas market, laying the groundwork for subsequent project activities and stakeholder engagement.

### **1.3 Structure of the Report**

This report is structured to provide a comprehensive analysis of the biosyngas market, focusing on its dynamics, applications, competitive landscape, and future trends. The following sections outline the content and purpose of each chapter:

- Executive Summary: This section summarizes the key findings and insights from the report. It provides a high-level overview of the market dynamics, main applications, competitive landscape, and identified opportunities, allowing readers to quickly grasp the essential points of the analysis.
- Chapter 1 "Introduction": This chapter sets the stage for the report, providing background information on the biosyngas market, its significance, and the objectives of the analysis. It will outline the scope of the report and the methodology used for market assessment.
- Chapter 2 "Market Dynamics": In this chapter, we will explore the various factors influencing the biosyngas market, including economic, technological, regulatory, and environmental aspects. This analysis will help to understand the current state of the market and the forces driving its growth.
- Chapter 3 "End use application market": This section will delve into the primary applications of biosyngas, highlighting its uses in energy production, chemical synthesis, and other relevant sectors. We will discuss the benefits and challenges associated with each application, providing insights into their market potential.
- Chapter 4 "Market opportunities for supremas and future market trends": chapter will focus on identifying potential market opportunities and emerging trends within the biosyngas sector. We will discuss anticipated developments, technological advancements, and shifts in consumer preferences that could impact the market landscape in the coming years.
- Chapter 5 "Market strategies": This chapter outlines key approaches for promoting SUPREMAS technology across industries, renewable energy communities, residential buildings, and public administration. It highlights marketing tactics, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory incentives to drive adoption, along with targeted communication channels like trade shows, direct outreach, and industry partnerships.
- Chapter 6 "PESTLE Analysis": This chapter examines the external factors impacting the SUPREMAS project, including political, economic, social, technological, legal, and environmental aspects. It highlights regulatory frameworks, market trends, technological advancements, and sustainability goals that shape the project's strategic direction, ensuring alignment with industry developments and policy initiatives



Chapter 7 "Conclusions"

## 2 MARKET DYNAMICS

The biosyngas market is undergoing significant transformation, driven by an increasing focus on renewable energy and sustainable waste management. This section explores the key dynamics influencing the sector, analyzing the factors driving its growth and the challenges that need to be addressed. We will delve into the evolution of the European market, examining current trends, the regulatory context, and the role of major players. This will help us better understand the opportunities and barriers present in this emerging sector.

### 2.1 European Market Overview

The European biosyngas market is rapidly evolving, reflecting a broader shift towards renewable energy and sustainable waste management practices. This section provides a comprehensive overview of the current market landscape, including its size, growth trends, and the regulatory environment that shapes its development. As Europe strives to meet ambitious climate goals and transition to a circular economy, the biosyngas sector is positioned as a key player in the renewable energy landscape. By examining the market dynamics, we can better understand the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for stakeholders in this burgeoning industry.

### 2.1.1 Market Size and Growth Trends

The European biosyngas market has been experiencing significant growth, driven by the increasing demand for renewable energy sources and the need for sustainable waste management solutions. Europe is dominating the biogas plant market with the maximum production of biogas. As of 2020, the region was the largest biogas producer, with around 18,943 biogas plants<sup>1</sup>.

### **Biosyngas Market Growth**

The average CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) estimated at 4-7% for the European syngas market, including biosyngas, derives from an aggregation of projections provided by key sources. Here's how the data is interpreted to arrive at this estimate:

- Grand View Research<sup>2</sup>: This source suggests moderate growth in the European syngas market, particularly emphasizing the adoption of alternative feedstocks such as biomass and waste. While specific growth figures are not provided, "moderate growth" typically corresponds to a 4-5% range based on sector characteristics and comparable markets.
- Market Research Future<sup>3</sup>: This source highlights "significant growth" supported by governmental investments and technological innovations, aligning with a higher CAGR of around 6-7%. This estimate is based on the increasing adoption of advanced gasification technologies and incentives to reduce carbon emissions.
- Weighted Average: Given that the projections are generally expressed in qualitative terms rather than precise figures, the 4-7% range represents an average that spans scenarios of moderate growth (4-5%) and more optimistic scenarios (6-7%), providing a representative view of the market's potential. Europe's biogases production (combined biogas and biomethane) in 2022 amounted to 21 billion cubic meters (bcm), representing 6% of the EU's natural gas consumption<sup>4</sup>. Biomethane production alone grew from 3.5 bcm in 2021 to 4.2 bcm in 2022<sup>5</sup>. The REPowerEU Plan targets the production of 35 bcm of biomethane annually by 2030, a ten-fold increase from current levels. This ambitious target is expected to drive further growth in the biosyngas market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.mordorintelligence.com/industry-reports/biogas-plant-market

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The updated estimate shows that **a 44 bcm target for 2030** and **165 bcm for 2050**<sup>6</sup> are achievable (of which 40 bcm in 2030 and 150 bcm in 2050 are foreseen for the **EU 27**).

The increasing focus on circular economy principles and the recycling of municipal waste further bolster the market, as biosyngas production aligns with these objectives<sup>7</sup>. The European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 packages aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, promoting the use of renewable energy sources, including biosyngas<sup>8</sup>. These initiatives are expected to significantly impact market growth, providing a favorable environment for the development and deployment of biosyngas technologies.



*Figure 1: Biogas Plant Market: Growth Rate by Region, 2022-2027* 

Small-scale digesters are expected to witness significant growth during the forecast period, mainly owing to the reasonable capital requirement and demand for flexible, affordable and reliable technologies in growing economies.

### 2.1.2 Policy and Regulatory Landscape

The regulatory framework governing the biosyngas market in Europe is characterized by stringent environmental policies and ambitious climate targets set by the European Union. The European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 packages aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, promoting the use of renewable energy sources, including biosyngas<sup>9</sup>. Additionally, the REPowerEU Plan targets the production of 35 billion cubic meters of biomethane annually by 2030<sup>10</sup>.

Various national regulations and incentives support the development and deployment of biosyngas technologies, creating a favorable environment for market growth. These regulations often include feed-in tariffs, renewable energy certificates, and grants for research and development, which encourage investment in biosyngas projects. For instance, Germany has implemented the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG), which provides financial incentives for the production of renewable energy, including biosyngas<sup>11</sup>. Similarly, France has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> European Biogas Association's (EBA) report "Biogases towards 2040 and beyond."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/eba-statistical-report-2023/

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introduced the Energy Transition for Green Growth Act, which aims to increase the share of renewable energy in the country's energy mix<sup>12</sup>.

T6.6 – "Policy recommendations" will map and examine additional EU policies and regulations, especially in the geographical areas hosting the Projects' demonstrators.

The European Biogas Association (EBA) plays a crucial role in shaping the regulatory landscape by engaging with policymakers and advocating favorable policies for the biogas and biomethane sector<sup>12</sup>. The EBA's efforts have been instrumental in promoting the adoption of biosyngas technologies and ensuring that the regulatory framework supports the growth of the market.

Strong policy and regulatory support from the European Union and member states is a major driver for the biosyngas market. Key elements include:

- Incentives: Feed-in tariffs, renewable energy certificates, and grants for research and development encourage investments in biosyngas projects<sup>12</sup>. T6.5 – "Syngas/Syngas blended Gas Market Design" will analyze the key incentives to be exploited by the consortia
- Alignment with Circular Economy Goals: The EU's commitment to a circular economy fosters a conducive environment for biosyngas production, as it aligns with waste reduction and resource recovery objectives<sup>4</sup>.

### 2.1.3 Key Market Players

In Europe, major players in the biosyngas sector include companies engaged in bioenergy and biogas production. Here are some of the key organizations:

- Engie SA
  - *Focus*: Renewable energy, including biogas and biosyngas production.
  - *Relevance*: Engie has significant projects in Europe focused on decarbonization through bioenergy sources.
- Air Liquide SA
  - Focus: Hydrogen and syngas technologies, including renewable gas projects.
  - **Relevance**: Operates in gasification and supports the development of renewable energy projects across Europe.
- EnviTec Biogas AG
  - *Focus*: Biogas plants and renewable gas solutions.
  - *Relevance*: A leader in biogas technology with a strong presence in Germany and other European countries.
- Scandinavian Biogas
  - *Focus*: Large-scale biogas and biosyngas production from organic waste.
  - **Relevance**: Active in Northern Europe, providing renewable energy solutions to urban and industrial sectors.
- Gasum Oy
  - Focus: Renewable gases, particularly biogas and biosyngas, for energy and transportation.
  - **Relevance**: Operates biogas plants and supplies biosyngas for industrial use in Finland and other European regions
- TotalEnergies
  - Focus: Diversified energy solutions, including advanced biofuels and syngas technologies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/biogases-towards-2040-and-beyond/



o **Relevance**: Prominent in waste-to-energy projects and sustainable fuel production across Europe

Neste Oyj

- Focus: Renewable diesel and bio-based fuels.
- *Relevance*: Although primarily focused on liquid biofuels, Neste's technology overlaps with biosyngas applications.
- Verbio Vereinigte BioEnergie AG
  - o Focus: Industrial-scale production of bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas.
  - o Relevance: A key German company with advanced capabilities in biogas processing.
- BTS Biogas
  - Focus: Biogas and biosyngas plant construction and operation.
  - *Relevance*: Active in Italy and Europe, specializing in integrating agricultural and industrial waste into renewable energy systems
- AB Holding SpA (Gruppo AB)
  - Focus: Cogeneration and renewable energy solutions.
  - *Relevance*: Provides syngas solutions for combined heat and power (CHP) plants, enhancing energy efficiency across Europe

These key market players are driving the growth of the European biosyngas market through their investments in new technologies, strategic partnerships, and active engagement with policymakers. Their efforts are crucial in advancing the market and ensuring that the regulatory framework supports the development and deployment of biosyngas technologies.

Plus, the applications are plenty in different value chain levels (see section 3.4.1.)



Figure 2: Biogas market growth.

### 2.2 Drivers

The biosyngas market is propelled by several key drivers that facilitate its growth and adoption across Europe. This section explores the primary factors contributing to the increasing interest and investment in biosyngas technologies, including technological advancements, supportive policies, and shifting consumer preferences.



Understanding these drivers is essential for stakeholders aiming to navigate the evolving landscape and capitalize on emerging opportunities in the biosyngas sector.

### 2.2.1 Technological Advancements

Recent technological advancements in gasification and syngas production processes have significantly improved the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of biosyngas production. Innovations such as:

- Advanced Catalytic Processes: These processes enhance the conversion efficiency of biomass into syngas, allowing for higher yields and better quality of the produced gas<sup>12</sup>.
- Integrated Biorefineries: These facilities enable the simultaneous production of multiple bio-based products, including biosyngas, biofuels, and biochemicals, thus maximizing resource utilization and economic viability<sup>13</sup>.
- Modular and Movable Syngas Production Units: Initiatives like SUPREMAS promote the development of compact, transportable units that can be easily deployed in various locations, making biosyngas production more accessible and adaptable to local needs<sup>14</sup>.

These advancements not only expand the range of feedstocks that can be utilized but also enhance the overall market potential for biosyngas<sup>15</sup>. For example, the development of hydrothermal gasification and renewable methane technologies has opened new avenues for efficient biosyngas production<sup>16</sup>. Additionally, the use of novel feedstocks such as seaweed and digestate is being explored to further enhance production capabilities<sup>16</sup>.

### 2.2.2 Consumer Demand and Trends

There is a growing consumer demand for sustainable and renewable energy solutions, driven by:

- Environmental Awareness: Increasing public concern about climate change and environmental degradation is pushing consumers and businesses to seek cleaner energy sources.
- Energy Independence: The desire for energy security and independence from fossil fuel imports is motivating investments in renewable energy, including biosyngas.
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Businesses are increasingly focusing on sustainability reporting and CSR initiatives, which drives the demand for renewable energy sources like biosyngas.

These trends are reshaping the energy landscape and creating new opportunities for biosyngas technologies. For instance, the European Biogas Association (EBA) highlights that the versatility of biomethane as a renewable energy source is reflected in its balanced distribution pattern across end-uses, such as buildings, industry, transport, and power generation. This broad applicability enhances the market potential and supports the transition to a more sustainable energy system.

### 2.3 Barriers

Despite the promising outlook for the biosyngas market, several barriers hinder its growth and widespread adoption. This section identifies and discusses the key challenges that stakeholders face, including financial constraints, technological limitations, and regulatory hurdles. By understanding these barriers, stakeholders can develop strategies to mitigate risks and enhance the viability of biosyngas projects.

As the market for waste-to-energy solutions expands, SUPREMAS must navigate various market dynamics and emerging challenges to maintain its competitive edge and relevance.

### Competition from Alternative Technologies:

Educating potential users about the benefits and functionalities of SUPREMAS solutions is crucial for market penetration. Effective communication strategies are necessary to overcome skepticism and promote adoption. Building awareness through demonstrations, pilot projects, and stakeholder engagement will help establish trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/PR\_EBA-Statistical-Report-2023.pdf
<sup>14</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Biogas-Report-2020-EBA-Bioenergy-Europe.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/overview-on-key-eu-policies-for-the-biogas-sector/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/eu-council-confirms-support-to-circular-economy-for-the-coming-years/



and drive market acceptance. The European Union's initiatives, such as the European Green Deal, emphasize the importance of transitioning to a circular economy and increasing the use of renewable energy sources<sup>17</sup>. Aligning SUPREMAS with these initiatives can enhance its credibility and attractiveness to potential users.

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By addressing these challenges and leveraging its strengths, SUPREMAS can position itself as a leader in the waste-to-energy market, contributing to the EU's broader goals of sustainability and carbon neutrality.

### 2.3.1 Financial and Investment Challenges

Financial and investment challenges remain significant barriers to the growth of the biosyngas market. Key issues include:

- High Initial Capital Costs: The deployment of biosyngas technology often requires substantial upfront investment, which can deter potential investors. The European Biogas Association (EBA) highlights that the high capital costs associated with the construction and operation of biogas plants are a major barrier to market entry<sup>18</sup>.
- Infrastructure Investment: The need for significant investment in infrastructure to support biosyngas
  production and distribution can slow down project implementation<sup>19</sup>. This includes the development of
  pipelines, storage facilities, and upgrading plants to ensure the efficient transport and use of biosyngas.
- Funding Complexity: Securing funding for a Technology seeking for worldwide markets in a complex investment landscape and can be challenging, impacting the financial viability of biosyngas projects<sup>12</sup>. The EBA notes that the fragmented nature of funding sources and the stringent requirements for accessing financial support can hinder the growth of the sector<sup>20</sup>.

Addressing these financial barriers is crucial for unlocking the market potential of biosyngas. Initiatives such as the REPowerEU Plan, which aims to mobilize  $\leq 25$  billion in private investments for the biomethane sector by 2030, are essential for overcoming these challenges<sup>21</sup>.

### 2.3.2 Technological Limitations

While advancements have been made, there are still technological limitations that hinder the widespread adoption of biosyngas solutions. Challenges include:

- Feedstock Variability: The diverse nature of biomass feedstocks can lead to inconsistencies in gasification
  performance and syngas quality. Different feedstocks have varying chemical compositions, which can affect
  the efficiency and output of the gasification process.
- Process Efficiency: Further research and development are needed to optimize gasification processes and improve overall efficiency. Enhancing the efficiency of gasification technologies is critical for reducing production costs and increasing the competitiveness of biosyngas.
- Management of Diverse Feedstocks: Effectively managing and processing a variety of feedstocks remains a critical area for improvement. This includes developing technologies that can handle a wide range of biomass types and ensuring consistent quality and supply of feedstocks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/70/renewable-energy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/20-increase-in-biomethane-production-in-europe-shows-biogases-industry-report-released-today/

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>https://www.energy-community.org/dam/jcr:23258d5e-3c3c-40e4-a853-a93619c9cbb8/S3b\_1\_EBA\_Cancian.pdf
 <sup>20</sup> https://iea-etsap.org/E-TechDS/PDF/P11\_BiogasProd\_ML\_Dec2013\_GSOK.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Biogas-Report-2020-EBA-Bioenergy-Europe.pdf



Overcoming these technological limitations is essential for enhancing the competitiveness of biosyngas. Continued investment in research and development, as well as collaboration between industry and academia, is necessary to address these challenges.

### 2.3.3 Regulatory Hurdles

Navigating the complex regulatory landscape can be a barrier for new entrants in the biosyngas market. Key challenges include:

- Compliance with Environmental Regulations: Meeting various environmental standards can create delays and increase operational costs. The stringent regulations governing emissions, waste management, and environmental impact assessments can pose significant challenges for biosyngas producers.
- Permitting Processes: The need for multiple permits and licenses can be time-consuming and costly. The lengthy and complex permitting processes can delay project implementation and increase administrative burdens for companies.
- Lack of Clear Guidelines: The absence of specific regulations addressing biosyngas production and use can create uncertainty for stakeholders. Clear and consistent regulatory frameworks are needed to provide guidance and support for the development of the bio syngas market.

Streamlining regulatory processes and providing clear guidelines can facilitate market entry and growth. The European Biogas Association (EBA) advocates for coherent planning and faster permissions processes to encourage market and project developers to operate at a significantly faster pace.

### 2.4 Industry Value Chain

The biosyngas industry operates within a complex value chain that involves multiple stakeholders and processes. This section outlines the key players in the value chain, their roles, and the interactions that drive the production and utilization of biosyngas. Understanding the value chain is crucial for identifying opportunities for collaboration and innovation that can enhance the overall efficiency and sustainability of exploiting the SUPREMAS Project.

### 2.4.1 Key Stakeholders and Their Roles

The biosyngas industry value chain involves several key stakeholders, including:

- Feedstock Suppliers: Provide organic waste and biomass for biosyngas production, ensuring a steady supply
  of raw materials.
- Technology Providers: Develop and supply gasification technologies and systems, driving innovation in the production process.
- **Energy Producers**: Utilize biosyngas for electricity generation and heating, integrating it into their energy portfolios.
- End-Users: See section 4 End Use Application Markets
- Regulatory Bodies: Establish and enforce policies and regulations governing the industry, ensuring compliance and sustainability.

Each stakeholder plays a vital role in the successful operation of the biosyngas value chain. For instance, feedstock suppliers are essential for providing the raw materials needed for biosyngas production, while technology providers develop the necessary equipment and processes to convert biomass into syngas. Energy producers then use syngas to generate electricity and heat, contributing to the overall energy mix. Regulatory bodies ensure that all activities comply with environmental and safety standards, promoting sustainable practices within the industry.

The **stakeholder mapping** within the SUPREMAS Project implementation [D1.2], will list and sort the main stakeholders identified by the consortia

### Types of Collaborations:

**Joint Ventures and Alliances**: Forming joint ventures and alliances can significantly accelerate the commercialization of biosyngas technologies. These collaborations bring together diverse stakeholders, pooling their resources, expertise, and market reach to enhance competitiveness and drive market penetration. The



European Commission's reports on bioenergy emphasize the role of such alliances in promoting the large-scale deployment of renewable gas technologies<sup>22</sup>.

**Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs)**<sup>23</sup>**:** Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) play a crucial role in the biosyngas industry by providing a structured approach to financing and managing high-risk projects. SPVs are independent legal entities created to isolate financial risk and streamline project management. In the context of the SUPREMAS Project, SPVs can be utilized to:

- Isolate Risks: By creating an SPV, the financial and operational risks associated with biosyngas projects are contained within the entity, protecting the parent company from potential liabilities;
- Facilitate Investment: SPVs can attract investment by offering a clear and focused business model, making it easier for investors to understand and commit resources to the project
- Enhance Collaboration: SPVs can bring together various stakeholders, including feedstock suppliers, technology providers, and energy producers, under a unified structure, promoting efficient collaboration and resource sharing

**Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)**<sup>24</sup>: Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) are collaborative agreements between government entities and private sector companies, aimed at leveraging the strengths of both sectors to achieve common goals. In the biosyngas industry, PPPs can be instrumental in:

- Accessing Public Funding: PPPs can provide access to government funding and incentives, reducing the financial burden on private companies and encouraging investment in biosyngas technology
- **Ensuring Compliance**: Government involvement in PPPs ensures that projects adhere to regulatory standards and sustainability goals, promoting environmentally responsible practices
- Driving Innovation: By combining public sector oversight with private sector innovation, PPPs can
  accelerate the development and deployment of advanced biosyngas technologies, enhancing the overall
  efficiency and sustainability of the industry

### **Commercial Partnerships:**

Fostering collaboration among stakeholders is essential for driving market growth and ensuring the sustainability of the biosyngas sector. By leveraging the strengths of technology providers, research institutions, and energy companies, industry can overcome existing barriers and unlock new opportunities. Strategic partnerships not only facilitate technological innovation but also ensure that biosyngas becomes a vital component of Europe's renewable energy landscape.

### 2.4.2 Value Chain Analysis

The value chain for biosyngas production encompasses several stages and related players, including:

- Feedstock Supply: Gathering organic waste and biomass for processing<sup>13</sup>.
- Bio-syngas production: Converting feedstocks into syngas through thermal processes<sup>18</sup>.
- Bio-syngas conversion: Removing impurities to produce high-quality syngas<sup>25</sup>.
- Products/end user: Utilizing purified syngas for electricity and heat production<sup>26</sup>.

Effective management of Value chain positioning and effective interaction with other players and users is crucial for the SUPREMAS Project.

<sup>24</sup> Microsoft Word - P11 BiogasProd ML Dec2013 GSOK

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/bioenergy-report-outlines-progress-being-made-across-eu-2023-10-27\_en
 <sup>23</sup> <u>SPV structures for renewable energy projects | Bolder Group</u>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/the-biogas-and-biomethane-value-chain-welcomes-the-europeanparliament-recognition-of-biomethanes-significant-contribution-to-reduce-co2-emissions/
 <sup>26</sup> https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/about-us/partnerships/biomethane-industrial-partnership/



### Figure 3: Bio-Syngas Value chain



### 2.5 Competitive Strategies

This section delves into the various strategies employed by key players in the biosyngas market to maintain and enhance their competitive positions. By examining pricing strategies, technological innovations, and strategic alliances and partnerships, we can understand how these companies navigate the competitive landscape and drive the growth of the biosyngas industry.

### 2.5.1 Pricing Strategies

Pricing strategies in the biosyngas market vary significantly among competitors. Key approaches include:

- Competitive Pricing: Some companies adopt competitive pricing to attract new customers and gain market share. This strategy is often used by emerging startups looking to establish themselves in the market. According to the EBA, competitive pricing is crucial for new entrants to penetrate the market and build a customer base.
- Premium Pricing: Established players with advanced, high-efficiency technologies may opt for premium pricing. This approach targets customers willing to pay more for superior performance and reliability. The EBA notes that premium pricing is often justified by the higher quality and efficiency of the technologies offered.
- Government Subsidies and Incentives: Pricing is also influenced by government subsidies and incentives for renewable energy projects. These financial supports can make biosyngas more affordable and competitive than traditional fossil fuels. The European Commission's REPowerEU plan provides substantial subsidies to promote the adoption of renewable gases, including biosyngas. Local policies and incentives will be a key trigger for opening future markets for the SUPREMAS technology, SUPREMAS partners like RESET are already involved in national funding schemes connected with REPowerEU and Post COVID recovery.

# 3 END USE APPLICATION MARKETS

The advancement of biosyngas technology represents a significant leap towards achieving the European Union's ambitious climate and energy goals. As a versatile and renewable energy source, biosyngas plays a pivotal role in the transition to a sustainable and circular economy. This chapter delves into the primary applications of biosyngas, showcasing its potential to revolutionize various sectors by providing cleaner energy solutions and enhancing resource efficiency. By converting diverse waste materials into valuable energy and chemical products, biosyngas not only addresses pressing energy demands but also contributes to effective waste management and environmental sustainability<sup>12</sup>

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### 3.1 Overview of Applications

The development and utilization of biosyngas technology has opened up a wide array of applications across various sectors. This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the main applications of biosyngas, highlighting its significance in energy production, industrial processes, and emerging technologies. The versatility of biosyngas as a renewable energy source positions it as a key player in the transition towards a more sustainable and circular economy. By converting various waste feedstocks into valuable energy and chemical products, biosyngas technology not only addresses energy needs but also contributes to waste management and environmental sustainability<sup>12</sup>.

Biosyngas, primarily composed of hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and small amounts of carbon dioxide, can be produced through gasification of biomass and waste materials. Its applications span from energy generation to chemical production, making it a crucial component in the shift towards renewable energy systems. The ability to utilize diverse feedstocks, including agricultural residues, municipal solid waste, and industrial by-products, enhances the potential for biosyngas to contribute to a circular economy, where waste is minimized, and resources are reused<sup>27</sup>.

The European Union has recognized the importance of biosyngas in achieving its climate and energy goals. The REPowerEU Plan, for instance, aims to produce 35 billion cubic meters of biomethane annually by 2030, representing a significant increase in current production levels<sup>12</sup>. This ambitious target underscores the potential of biosyngas to play a central role in the EU's energy transition, providing a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels and supporting the decarbonization of various sectors<sup>27</sup>.

### 3.2 Industrial Applications

Biosyngas technology offers a multitude of industrial applications, significantly contributing to the decarbonization and sustainability goals of the European Union. By leveraging biosyngas, industries can reduce their reliance on fossil fuels, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance energy efficiency. This section explores the diverse industrial uses of biosyngas, emphasizing its role in the energy sector, chemical production, and other high-temperature industrial processes. The integration of biosyngas into industrial operations not only supports environmental sustainability but also promotes economic resilience by utilizing local waste resources and reducing dependency on imported fuels<sup>12</sup>.

### 3.2.1 Manufacturing and Chemical Industry

The manufacturing and chemical industries are increasingly adopting biosyngas as a feedstock for various processes. Its application in these sectors not only supports sustainability goals but also enhances the economic viability of operations. Notable applications include:

- Production of Chemicals: Biosyngas can be converted into valuable chemicals such as methanol, ethanol, and hydrogen, which are essential for various industrial applications. This conversion process not only provides a renewable source of chemicals but also reduces dependency on fossil fuel-derived feedstocks, promoting a more sustainable chemical industry. The ability to produce these chemicals from waste materials aligns with circular economy principles, reducing waste and creating value from by-products<sup>13,18</sup>.
- Synthetic Fuels: The Fischer-Tropsch synthesis process can utilize biosyngas to produce synthetic fuels, providing a renewable alternative to conventional petroleum-based fuels. This application is crucial for achieving energy independence and reducing carbon footprints in the transportation sector, as synthetic fuels can be used in existing infrastructure without significant modifications. Synthetic fuels production from biosyngas can help bridge the gap between current fossil fuel usage and future renewable energy systems.<sup>28</sup>
- Biochar Production: The gasification process generates biochar, which can be used as a soil amendment, enhancing soil health and carbon sequestration. This application contributes to sustainable agriculture practices and helps mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon in the soil, thus improving soil fertility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/15/8/2940

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://publications.europa.eu/resource/cellar/9466d49b-26ce-11ef-a195-01aa75ed71a1.0001.01/DOC\_1



and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. Biochar not only improves soil structure and water retention but also serves as a long-term carbon storage solution<sup>29</sup>.

**Market Focus:** Feedstock for producing methanol, ammonia, and other chemicals traditionally derived from fossil fuels.

**Opportunities:** Green hydrogen and ammonia production using syngas as a precursor.

### 3.2.2 Transportation Sector

**Market Focus:** Use of syngas to produce synthetic fuels (e.g., methanol, DME, hydrogen) as low-carbon alternatives for aviation, maritime, and heavy-duty transport.

Opportunities: Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and renewable diesel markets are experiencing significant growth.

### 3.2.3 Waste Management

Market Focus: Municipalities and industries looking to manage organic waste sustainably.

**Opportunities:** Syngas technology can be used to process waste-to-energy, particularly in regions with high waste generation and strict landfill regulations.

### 3.2.4 Agriculture

Market Focus: Conversion of agricultural residues (e.g., straw, husks, manure) into biosyngas for on-farm energy use.

**Opportunities:** Decarbonizing the agricultural sector by reusing waste streams.

### 3.3 Emerging Applications

The potential of biosyngas extends beyond traditional applications, paving the way for innovative uses in emerging sectors. As the global energy landscape evolves, biosyngas is increasingly recognized for its versatility and sustainability. This chapter explores the cutting-edge applications of biosyngas, focusing on its role in renewable energy integration and sustainable mobility solutions. By leveraging biosyngas, we can address critical challenges such as waste management, energy security, and greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to a more resilient and sustainable future.

### 3.3.1 Renewable Energy Integration

As the world shifts towards renewable energy sources, biosyngas plays a pivotal role in integrating various renewable technologies. It can be produced from organic waste, thus contributing to waste management and energy recovery. Emerging applications include:

- Biomass-to-Energy Systems: The integration of biosyngas production with biomass resources allows for efficient energy recovery from waste materials, promoting a circular economy. This approach not only reduces waste but also provides a sustainable energy source for local communities, enhancing energy resilience and reducing landfill dependency<sup>30</sup>. By converting biomass into biosyngas, communities can generate local energy while minimizing environmental impacts associated with waste disposal<sup>31</sup>.
- Grid Stability: Biosyngas can be used to provide backup power and stabilize the grid, especially in regions
  with high penetration of intermittent renewable sources like wind and solar. This capability enhances the
  resilience of energy systems and supports the transition to a low-carbon future, ensuring a reliable energy

<sup>30</sup>https://energy.ec.europa.eu/news/bioenergy-report-outlines-progress-being-made-across-eu-2023-10-27\_en
<sup>31</sup>https://energy.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2020-

10/renewable\_energy\_progress\_report\_com\_2020\_952\_0.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/biofuels\_en



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supply even during fluctuations in renewable energy generation<sup>32</sup>. The ability to store and dispatch biosyngas as needed can help balance supply and demand, making energy systems more robust<sup>33</sup>.

### 3.3.2 Sustainable Mobility Solutions

The transportation sector is exploring biosyngas as a sustainable fuel alternative. Its potential applications include:

- Biofuels for Transportation: Biosyngas can be converted into biofuels, such as synthetic gasoline and diesel, that can be used in existing internal combustion engines, reducing reliance on fossil fuels. This application is vital for achieving emissions reduction targets in the transportation sector, providing a pathway to decarbonize transportation without requiring extensive infrastructure changes<sup>34</sup>. The use of biosyngas-derived biofuels can significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality in urban areas.<sup>35</sup>
- Hydrogen Production: Through reforming processes, biosyngas can be transformed into hydrogen, which is increasingly being recognized as a clean fuel for fuel cell vehicles. This application supports the development of hydrogen infrastructure and promotes the use of renewable energy in transportation, contributing to a sustainable mobility ecosystem. Hydrogen produced from biosyngas can be utilized in various applications, including fuel cell vehicles, industrial processes, and energy storage solutions<sup>36</sup>.

# 4 MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPREMAS AND FUTURE MARKET TRENDS:

The SUPREMAS project is strategically positioned to leverage the increasing demand for sustainable energy solutions, particularly through the innovative production of syngas from waste. Below are the identified market opportunities, the value proposition of SUPREMAS, and anticipated future trends that may influence the market landscape.

### 4.1 Identification of Potential Applications

As the global energy landscape shifts towards sustainability, SUPREMAS is uniquely poised to capitalize on several key opportunities. By focusing on technological innovations, emerging markets, and strategic collaborations, SUPREMAS can drive significant growth and contribute to the broader goals of the European Green Deal1. This section delves into the specific areas where SUPREMAS can make a substantial impact.

### Decentralized Energy Production:

The modular and movable nature of SUPREMAS units allows for localized energy generation, minimizing transportation costs and emissions associated with energy distribution. This decentralization is particularly appealing to urban and rural communities looking to enhance energy security and reduce reliance on centralized power grids.

### Waste-to-Energy Solutions:

By converting various waste feedstocks into valuable energy, SUPREMAS addresses critical energy needs while simultaneously tackling waste management challenges. This dual benefit is particularly appealing to municipalities and industries focused on sustainability and circular economy principles<sup>37</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> https://publications.tno.nl/publication/34628485/2dJ60s/c04112.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> https://setis.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-05/Renewable%20fuels%20and%20bioenergy.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32022R2577

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52018DC0293

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>https://www.europeanbiogas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Biogases-towards-2040-and-beyond\_FINAL.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> https://european-union.europa.eu/priorities-and-actions/actions-topic/energy\_en



### 4.2 SUPREMAS Value Proposition

The SUPREMAS project offers a compelling value proposition by addressing critical needs in the renewable energy sector through innovative waste-to-energy solutions. This section outlines the unique selling points and competitive advantages that position SUPREMAS as a leader in the market.

### 4.2.1 Unique Selling Points

### Modularity and Flexibility:

The modular design of SUPREMAS units allows for easy scalability and adaptability to various operational contexts. This flexibility makes it suitable for different market segments, ranging from small communities to large industrial applications. The ability to tailor solutions to specific needs enhances the appeal of SUPREMAS across diverse settings.

### Sustainability Focus:

By promoting waste-to-energy solutions, SUPREMAS aligns with global sustainability goals, appealing to environmentally conscious stakeholders and organizations committed to reducing their carbon footprint. This alignment with sustainability initiatives is supported by EU policies such as the European Green Deal, which emphasizes the importance of transitioning to a circular economy<sup>38</sup>.

### Cost-Effectiveness:

The potential for reduced operational costs through energy savings and waste disposal savings enhances the economic attractiveness of SUPREMAS solutions. This cost-effectiveness makes SUPREMAS a financially viable option for users, contributing to its competitive edge in the market.

Plug&play containerized solution: SUPREMAS offers a plug-and-play containerized solution, which simplifies installation and deployment. This feature ensures that the units can be quickly set up and operational with minimal disruption, making it an ideal choice for both temporary and permanent installations. The containerized design also facilitates easy transportation and relocation, providing additional flexibility for users.

Movable syngas production unit: The SUPREMAS project includes a movable syngas production unit, which can be relocated as needed to optimize waste-to-energy processes. This mobility allows for efficient resource utilization and ensures that energy production can be aligned with waste availability. The ability to move the unit to different sites enhances operational efficiency and supports a more dynamic approach to waste management.

### 4.2.2 Competitive Advantages

As the SUPREMAS project continues to develop, several competitive advantages set it apart from other solutions in the market. These advantages are rooted in the project's comprehensive approach and strategic collaborations.

- Cross-Disciplinary Expertise:
  - The consortium's diverse expertise in engineering, environmental science, and social sciences enables a holistic approach to market needs. This multidisciplinary perspective enhances the project's credibility and effectiveness in addressing various stakeholder concerns, ensuring that SUPREMAS solutions are both innovative and practical.
- Strong Partnerships:
  - Collaborations with industry leaders and research institutions provide access to valuable resources, knowledge, and networks. These partnerships facilitate market entry and expansion, ensuring that SUPREMAS remains competitive. The European Union actively supports such collaborations to foster innovation and market growth<sup>37</sup>.
- Proven Impact Metrics:

<sup>38</sup>https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/energy-and-green-deal\_en



 The project's focus on measurable outcomes, such as energy production and CO2 savings, provides a compelling case for stakeholders and investors. Demonstrating the tangible benefits of adopting SUPREMAS technologies helps build trust and attract investment, further solidifying the project's market position.

### Technology

- Enhanced efficiency in application.
- Exploitation of intellectual property that will create entry barriers for competitors.
- Innovation: It introduces novel methods to resolve longstanding inefficiencies or technological bottlenecks.
- *Customization*: Its technology can be tailored to meet diverse client needs, ensuring broad market applicability.
- *Environmental and Economic Impact*: Supremas delivers sustainable solutions, aligning with global trends towards green technologies.

### Cost-effectiveness

- By reducing the reliance on outdated technologies or complex operations, Supremas lowers operational costs for its clients. Key aspects of its cost-effectiveness include:
- Improved resource utilization.
- Reduction of operational overheads.
- Long-term return on investment for its adopters.

### Regulatory Alignment

- One critical competitive edge is the technology's compliance with regulatory standards, which accelerates market adoption:
- Compliance minimizes legal risks and costs for its clients.
- Regulatory foresight positions Supremas as a reliable and future-proof solution provider.
- Scalability and Adaptability
  - The design of Supremas technology allows it to scale seamlessly:
  - It is adaptable across various market segments, ensuring longevity in diverse applications.
  - Future-proofing measures, such as modular designs or compatibility with emerging technologies, make it resilient to market shifts.

### 4.3 Technological Innovations

Technological innovation is a key competitive strategy in the biosyngas market. Companies invest heavily in research and development to improve the efficiency, scalability, and cost-effectiveness of biosyngas production. Key areas of innovation include:

- Gasification Processes: Enhancements in gasification technologies to increase yield and reduce production costs. The EBA highlights ongoing advancements in gasification processes that are making biosyngas production more efficient and economically viable.
- Purification Technologies: Development of advanced purification systems to produce higher quality syngas. Innovations in purification technologies are essential for meeting the stringent quality requirements of various applications.
- Integration with Renewable Energy Systems: Innovations that enable the seamless integration of biosyngas with other renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, to create hybrid energy systems. The European Commission emphasizes the importance of integrating biosyngas with other renewable energy sources to enhance energy security and sustainability.



### 4.4 Strategic Alliances and Partnerships

Forming strategic alliances and partnerships is crucial for companies in the biosyngas market. These collaborations can take various forms, including:

- Research Collaborations: Partnerships with research institutions and universities to advance biosyngas technologies and applications. The EBA reports that collaborations with academic institutions are vital for driving innovation and technological advancements.
- Joint Ventures: Collaborations between technology providers, waste management companies, and energy
  producers to share resources, reduce costs, and accelerate market entry. Joint ventures are particularly
  effective in pooling expertise and resources to tackle complex challenges in biosyngas production.
- Industry Consortia: Participation in industry consortia and associations, such as the European Biogas Association, to influence policy, share best practices, and promote the benefits of biosyngas. The EBA plays a significant role in advocating for favorable policies and regulations that support the growth of the syngas market.
- Renewable Energy Communities REC: A dedicated analysis of Renewable Energy Communities potential synergies will be conducted as a standalone deliverable of SUPREMAS Project to assess any potential aspects of this market strand

### 4.5 Future Trends and Predictions

As the global energy landscape continues to evolve, several key trends and predictions will shape the future of the SUPREMAS project. By staying ahead of these trends, SUPREMAS can position itself as a leader in the renewable energy sector, leveraging technological advancements, policy shifts, and market dynamics to drive growth and innovation.

### 4.6 Technological Trends

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in energy systems is expected to grow significantly, leading to more efficient operations and enhanced predictive maintenance capabilities. This trend could improve the operational reliability of SUPREMAS units in ways still unexplored at the current state of art, making them more attractive to potential users. AI-driven optimization can also reduce operational costs and increase energy output, aligning with the EU's goals for a digitalized and interconnected energy market<sup>38</sup>.

As the energy landscape evolves, there will be a greater emphasis on integrating renewable technologies, including syngas production, into existing energy systems. This integration will further solidify the role of SUPREMAS in the energy transition, contributing to the EU's targets for renewable energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions reduction<sup>Error! Bookmark not defined.</sup>

# 5 MARKET STRATEGIES

### 5.1 Marketing SUPREMAS Technology in Energy-Demanding Industries

Energy-demanding industries, such as manufacturing, steel production, cement, and chemicals, are under pressure to decarbonize operations while maintaining cost efficiency. SUPREMAS technology can serve as an advanced solution to reduce energy costs and carbon footprints by integrating biosyngas production into their energy strategies.

- Highlight Operational Benefits:
  - Emphasize cost savings through the replacement of fossil fuels with biosyngas as a renewable energy source.
  - Demonstrate how biosyngas enables compliance with stringent emissions regulations.
  - Showcase the potential for uninterrupted energy supply through on-site biosyngas generation.
- Case Studies and Pilots:



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- Develop pilot projects with early adopters in industries like cement and chemicals, where the demand for high-temperature heat makes biosyngas particularly attractive.
- Use real-world case studies to validate the technology's efficiency, reliability, and economic benefits.
- Stakeholder Engagement:
  - Target decision-makers such as energy managers, sustainability officers, and production heads.
  - Partner with industry associations to build credibility and expand outreach.

### Regulatory Incentive Awareness:

• Highlight available incentives such as carbon credits, tax breaks, or grants for adopting renewable energy technologies.

### 5.1.1 Communication Channels:

- Industry trade shows and conferences.
- Direct outreach through sales teams with technical expertise.
- Whitepapers and technical webinars showcasing successful implementations

### 5.2 Marketing SUPREMAS Technology in Renewable Energy Communities (RECs)

RECs are growing as localized energy solutions where members collaboratively produce, consume, and manage renewable energy. SUPREMAS technology can be a game-changer for these communities by enhancing energy independence and circularity.

### Value Proposition for Communities:

- Position biosyngas as a flexible, renewable energy source that complements other technologies like solar and wind by providing energy during low-generation periods.
- Emphasize cost-sharing benefits, where multiple community members can contribute to and benefit from a centralized biosyngas system.

### Tailored Solutions:

- Develop modular, scalable SUPREMAS systems that fit the needs and budgets of small to mediumsized RECs.
- Offer bundled solutions combining SUPREMAS with energy storage and management systems.

### Collaborative Engagement:

- Partner with local governments, energy cooperatives, and community leaders to co-create solutions that align with REC objectives.
- Organize workshops and community forums to explain the technology in a non-technical way.

### Regulatory Alignment:

• Educate communities on the benefits of using biosyngas to meet renewable energy targets and secure subsidies under national and EU-level energy policies.

### 5.2.1 Communication Channels

- Local and regional media campaigns.
- Community events and webinars.
- Partnerships with REC enablers, such as energy cooperatives.

### 5.3 Marketing SUPREMAS Technology for Residential Buildings

Residential buildings contribute significantly to energy consumption, and the decarbonization of this sector is crucial for achieving climate goals. SUPREMAS technology can provide an efficient, renewable alternative for heating, cooling, and power.

Highlight Consumer Benefits:



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- Focus on cost savings through reduced utility bills and low-maintenance operations.
- Promote environmental benefits by emphasizing the contribution to decarbonization and energy independence.
- Target Property Developers and Homeowners:
  - Market SUPREMAS as an energy solution for new green housing projects and retrofitting existing buildings.
  - Develop promotional materials tailored for real estate developers and residential associations.

### Integration with Existing Systems:

• Demonstrate compatibility with existing residential heating and power infrastructure (e.g., combined heat and power (CHP) systems).

### Government Incentives:

 Highlight subsidies, tax rebates, and other government incentives for adopting renewable energy technologies in residential properties.

### 5.3.1 Communication Channels

- Digital advertising targeting homeowners and real estate developers.
- Partnerships with green building certification bodies.
- Exhibitions at green energy expos focused on residential solutions.

### 5.4 Marketing SUPREMAS Technology for Public Administration Buildings

Public administration buildings often have high energy needs, strict sustainability goals, and budget constraints. SUPREMAS technology can align with these priorities by offering a cost-effective, renewable energy solution.

- Positioning as a Public Sector Solution:
  - Highlight biosyngas as a means to meet sustainability commitments (e.g., net-zero energy buildings).
  - Emphasize energy security and independence from volatile fossil fuel markets.
- Align with Public Policy Goals:
  - Focus on SUPREMAS' contribution to achieving municipal, regional, and national renewable energy targets.
  - Showcase the alignment with EU directives on public sector energy efficiency.

### Demonstration Projects:

- Collaborate with local governments to deploy pilot projects in administrative buildings, schools, or healthcare facilities.
- Use the success of these pilots to attract more public sector clients.
- Budget-Focused Solutions:
  - Develop financing options tailored to public sector budgets, such as leasing models or performancebased contracts.

### 5.4.1 Communication Channels

- Advocacy through government energy initiatives and programs.
- Direct engagement with public procurement offices.
- Case studies and success stories highlight savings and sustainability benefits.



# 6 PESTLE ANALYSIS

The Supremas project operates within a dynamic and multifaceted landscape where political, economic, social, technological, legal, and environmental factors interplay significantly. This PESTLE analysis examines these external drivers and challenges to better understand the project's positioning and potential impact.

### Table 4: PESTLE Analysis

COMPONENTS	RELEVANT ISSUES AND EFFECTS
<b>POLITICAL FACTORS</b> <i>E</i> lections, change of government leadership, potential policy changes, rule of law, etc.	<ul> <li>Government Policies: Increasing EU regulations and incentives supporting renewable energy, gasification, and circular economy.</li> <li>Energy Transition Goals: Alignment with European Green Deal and Fit for 55 package to reduce greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>Trade Agreements: Potential benefits from EU-level agreements promoting low-carbon technologies.</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC FACTORS</b> <i>Economic growth or stagnation,</i> <i>interest rates, exchange rates,</i> <i>inflation, unemployment, etc.</i>	<ul> <li>Market Growth: Estimated CAGR of 4-7% in the syngas sector, driving investments and innovation.</li> <li>Funding Opportunities: Availability of EU funding for R&amp;D projects in clean technologies</li> <li>Energy Prices: Volatility in fossil fuel prices creating a shift towards alternative energy sources.</li> <li>Cost Considerations: Challenges of scaling up bio-syngas technologies for competitive pricing.</li> </ul>
SOCIAL FACTORS Population and demographic changes, health conditions, level of education, social mobility, social attitudes, religious beliefs, socio- cultural changes, etc.	<ul> <li>Consumer Awareness: Rising demand for sustainable and clean energy solutions.</li> <li>Corporate Responsibility: Growing pressure on industries to adopt eco-friendly production methods.</li> <li>Employment Opportunities: Potential to create jobs in clean energy technology and bio-syngas production.</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNOLOGICAL FACTORS</b> Changes in the availability or price of new technologies, technological infrastructure, potential changes in technological standards, etc.	<ul> <li>Advancements in Gasification: Integration of cutting-edge technologies to improve efficiency and scalability.</li> <li>Innovation in Feedstocks: Research into diverse biomass and waste feedstocks for enhanced syngas production.</li> <li>Digitalization: Implementation of IoT and AI for process optimization and monitoring.</li> </ul>
<b>LEGAL FACTORS</b> Labor laws, relevant court cases, employment regulations, etc.	<ul> <li>Compliance Requirements: Need to adhere to EU environmental and emissions standards.</li> <li>Intellectual Property: Protection of innovative processes and technologies in gasification.</li> <li>Waste Management Regulations: Compliance with waste-to- energy policies promoting bio-syngas.</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS</b> <i>Climate, weather, energy</i> <i>consumption regulations, etc.</i>	<ul> <li>Carbon Neutral Goals: Contribution to reducing carbon emissions through renewable syngas.</li> <li>Waste Reduction: Utilizing biomass and waste as feedstocks aligns with circular economy principles.</li> <li>Energy Efficiency: Focus on reducing energy consumption during syngas production processes.</li> </ul>



The Supremas project operates within a dynamic and multifaceted landscape where political, economic, social, technological, legal, and environmental factors interplay significantly. Understanding these external influences is crucial for assessing risks, identifying opportunities, and ensuring alignment with current and future industry trends. The PESTLE framework provides a structured method to analyze these factors systematically, allowing the project to anticipate challenges and optimize its strategic approach.

Political factors play a crucial role in shaping the regulatory landscape within which the SUPREMAS project operates. Governments, particularly within the European Union, have been intensifying their focus on sustainability and renewable energy solutions. Policies such as the European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 package are driving significant regulatory shifts aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering clean energy alternatives. Trade agreements at the EU level further encourage the adoption and development of low-carbon technologies, facilitating market expansion and international collaborations for projects like SUPREMAS.

Economic factors also influence the viability and growth trajectory of the SUPREMAS project. The renewable energy market, particularly within the syngas sector, is experiencing a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) estimated between 4-7%. This growth is fueled by increasing investments and innovations in clean energy technologies. Moreover, the availability of EU funding for research and development projects in clean technologies provides substantial financial support, helping to drive progress in bio-syngas production. However, economic challenges such as the volatility of fossil fuel prices and the high costs associated with scaling up bio-syngas production must be carefully navigated to ensure competitiveness in the energy market.

Social factors contribute significantly to the acceptance and success of renewable energy projects. A growing public awareness regarding climate change and sustainability has led to increased consumer demand for clean energy solutions. Businesses and industries are under heightened pressure to adopt environmentally responsible production methods, reinforcing the importance of integrating sustainability within corporate strategies. Additionally, the development and implementation of bio-syngas technologies present employment opportunities, particularly in research, development, and production sectors, fostering job creation and workforce specialization in the renewable energy field.

Technological advancements are a key driver in the evolution of the syngas sector, enabling greater efficiency, scalability, and reliability in production processes. Continuous improvements in gasification technologies are facilitating enhanced energy conversion rates and cost-effective syngas generation. Research into diverse biomass and waste feedstocks is broadening the scope of viable raw materials for bio-syngas production, promoting resource diversification and supply chain resilience. Furthermore, the integration of digitalization technologies, such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), is optimizing process monitoring and predictive maintenance, leading to more efficient and sustainable operations.

Legal factors present both challenges and opportunities for the SUPREMAS project. Compliance with stringent EU environmental and emissions regulations is a fundamental requirement, necessitating ongoing adherence to evolving legal frameworks. Intellectual property rights are also a crucial consideration, as the protection of innovative gasification processes and technologies is vital for securing competitive advantages. Additionally, waste management regulations play a significant role in shaping bio-syngas policies, with EU directives emphasizing the importance of waste-to-energy initiatives to support a circular economy.

Environmental factors are central to the SUPREMAS project, given its focus on sustainability and renewable energy. The project aligns with global carbon neutrality goals by contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of bio-syngas solutions. The utilization of biomass and waste feedstocks enhances circular economy principles by repurposing organic materials that would otherwise contribute to landfill waste. Furthermore, continuous improvements in energy efficiency during syngas production ensure minimal resource consumption and environmental impact.

By systematically analyzing these external factors, the SUPREMAS project can proactively address potential challenges while capitalizing on emerging opportunities. A thorough understanding of the PESTLE framework enables better strategic planning, risk management, and alignment with key sustainability and innovation trends in the European energy landscape.

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# 7 CONCLUSION

The SUPREMAS project is well-positioned to capitalize on emerging market opportunities driven by technological innovations and a growing emphasis on sustainability. By leveraging its unique value proposition and competitive advantages, SUPREMAS can navigate future trends and challenges, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable energy landscape. Proactive engagement with stakeholders and continuous adaptation to market dynamics will be key to the project's success in the evolving energy market.

The market analysis conducted has provided an understanding of the biosyngas market, highlighting its potential, challenges, and opportunities. The following key findings and strategic insights emerged:

- **Market Growth**: The European biosyngas market is expanding, with strong demand for renewable energy solutions and favorable policies such as the EU Green Deal.
- **Competitive Landscape**: Major players are leading the way, but SUPREMAS can differentiate with its modular, decentralized solutions, as small plants have the higher CAGR forecast.
- **Applications**: Biosyngas is versatile, used in power generation, heating, and sustainable fuels, aligning with circular economy goals.

**Opportunities** for SUPREMAS include:

- Capitalizing on industrial, energy community, and transportation markets.
- Leveraging technological innovations like AI optimization for increased efficiency.
- Aligning with EU sustainability policies for enhanced market access.

**Challenges** include high capital costs, regulatory complexity, and the need for technological refinement.

### Recommendations:

- Engage with EU-ERDF funds related to local markets initiatives funding and policy support.
- Form strategic partnerships along the value chain, especially engaging with industry players
- Focus on R&D to improve efficiency and scalability.