

### **BIOGAS plant in Pécs**

At the periphery of Pécs there is a biogas plant, which is ready to test-operation this summer. This development implements from 2,1 milliard Hungarian Forint.



The investment reached the 70% preparedness. The two towers (which contain the reactors of the plant) are 21m high and each has 4.000 cubic meter capacity. Primarily they will use the biogas to generate electricity, this will provide the electricity for the Tettye Forrásház (which deals with water and wastewater utilities). Furthermore if the town can buy buses with biogas fuelled, the biogas plant will be able to provide their fuel.

### **The best European renewable communities in 2014 have just been revealed**

The award ceremony of the RES Champions League 2014 took place in Brussels (Belgium) on the 25th of June as a highlight of the [European Sustainable Energy Week](#). Austrian candidates are leading in 2014, marked man-to-man by those from Germany!

More than 10 000 municipalities and regions from 12 European countries representing 100 million people were involved in the 5th season of the RES Champions League, a European competition between communities based on renewable energy. You could apply within 4 categories. In addition, special prizes of the jury have been awarded to the following four communities for the quality of their energy approaches:

- General ranking: Krško (Slovenia)
- Small communities: Primiero e Vanoi (Italy)
- Medium communities: Alba Iulia (Romania)
- **Big communities: Pécs (Hungary)**

### **How are champions defined?**

The quantitative data on **installed capacity** of renewable energy units is the main indicator of the competition. However, qualitative information (based on 20 criteria on political commitment, strategic and systemic approaches) submitted by the communities play also a key role in the evaluation process. In every country involved in the competition and in every division, a single community is selected at national level to **participate in the final** of RES Champions League. Then a **European jury**, composed of energy experts, networks of local authorities, NGOs, journalists from all participating countries, plus recognised European organisations, decides on champions (quite like in the Cannes Film Festival!). As a consequence, champions in each division are necessarily from **three different countries**.