

# Fixed bed gasification and Cost Benefits analysis including environmental analysis

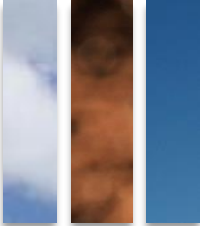
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# PHYTO2ENERGY

**Phytoremediation driven energy crops  
production on heavy metal degraded areas as  
local energy carrier**



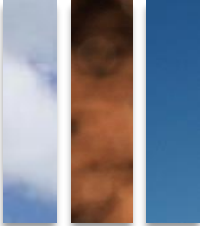


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- Environmental analysis
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- How to extract the conclusion of the cost benefits analysis



# Cost benefits analysis for biomass gasification including environmental analysis



## General Aspects:

- Multi - criteria analysis has taken into account environmental and social aspects for different energy recovery methods (small and mobile Gasification plants, large Gasification plants, incineration, pyrolysis), being analyzed and noted from the point of view of manufacturing, operation, end of use the four technologies
- Due to the oscillation into the energy market and on the UE ecological / energy policy, a calculation program as an excel file with a database that can be updated is proper for cost benefits analysis

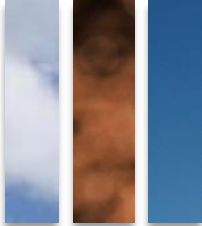
The Excel database take into consideration the future available data, such as:

- Installation scale, investment cost, cost of the capital, price for the alternative fuel (natural gas, biomass, coal, petrol, etc), type of energy produced, price for the energy (thermal and electricity), labour cost, geographical position, maintenance cost, ecological aspects, EU legislation aspects, grant from UE and the government for RES.
- The excel file is designed as on open document that will be improved, adjusted and completed with the experimental results and updated data

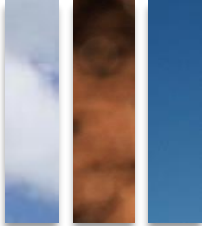


# Multi - criteria analysis

## Environmental and social aspects



| The environmental criterion  | Small and mobile Gasification plants | Large Gasification plants | Incineration         | Pyrolysis                            |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Environmental resources for manufacturing                              | Small                                | Medium                    | Big                  | Big                                  |
| Emissions during operation   | Medium                               | Medium                    | Medium               | Small                                |
| Residues for storage or other types of treatment - Ash and tar product | Medium                               | Medium                    | Medium               | Small                                |
| Area occupied by the facility  | Small                                | Big                       | Big                  | Medium                               |
| The lifetime of the installation                                       | Medium                               | Big                       | Big                  | Medium                               |
| Number of Employees  | Small                                | Medium                    | Big                  | Medium                               |
| Emissions from transport of biomass                                    | Small                                | Big                       | Big                  | Big                                  |
| Proven technology, performance   | Yes, often used                      | Yes, often used           | Yes, very often used | No, still at the pilot project stage |
| Acceptance by the population   | Yes                                  | No                        | No                   | Yes                                  |



| The environmental criterion | Small and mobile Gasification plants | Large Gasification plants | Incineration | Pyrolysis |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Manufacturing               | 1                                    | 2                         | 3            | 4         |
| Operation                   | 2                                    | 3                         | 4            | 1         |
| End of use                  | 1                                    | 2                         | 4            | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>4</b>                             | <b>7</b>                  | <b>11</b>    | <b>8</b>  |

The smallest note was given for the smallest impact on the environment, and the highest score for the highest environmental impact. The scores were summed up according to the criteria analyzed, and the best solution for energy recovery for HMC Biomass was **small and mobile Gasification plants**

# Cost benefits analysis for biomass gasification as local energy carrier

## Logical schema of the Cost benefits analysis

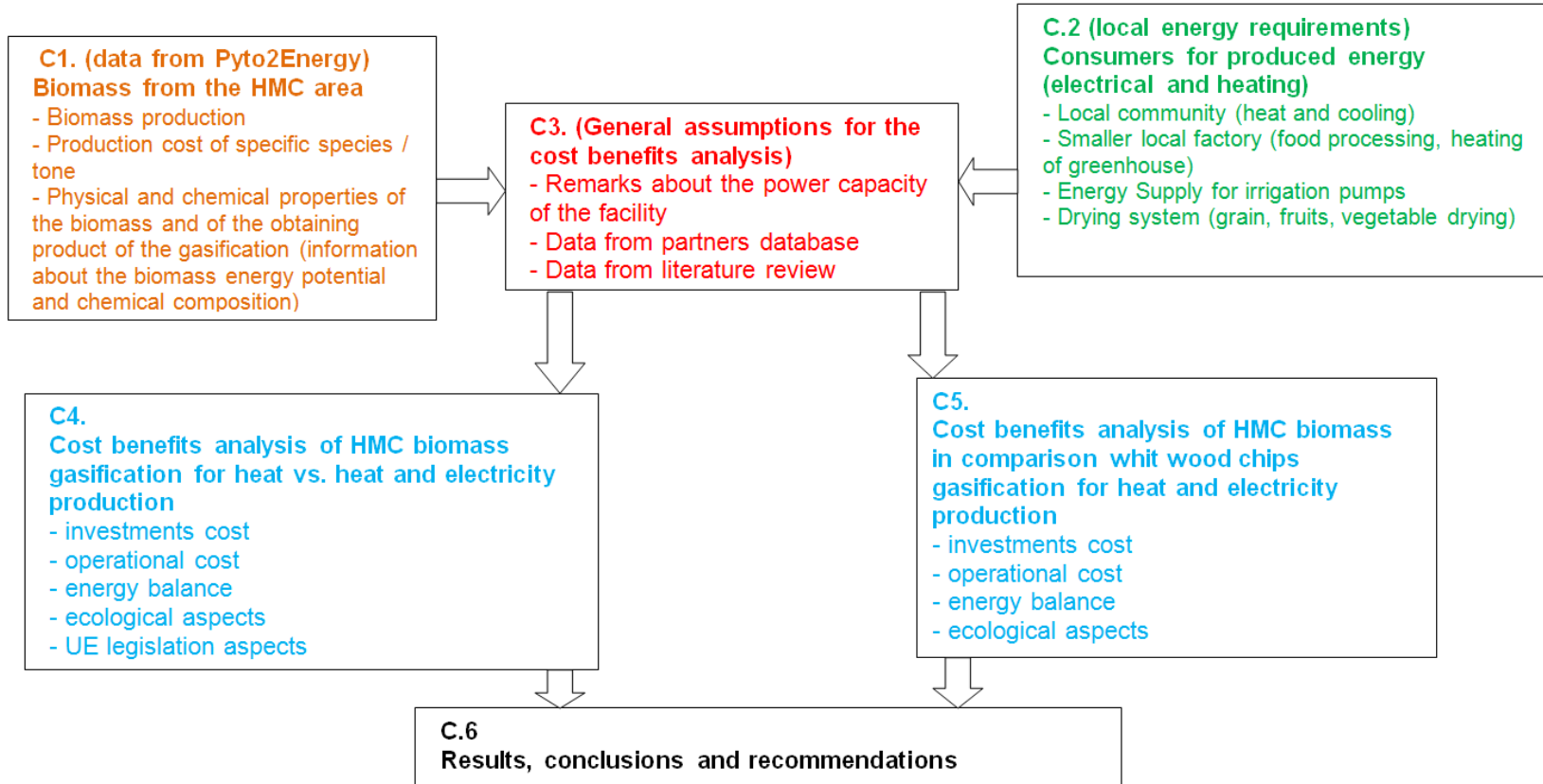
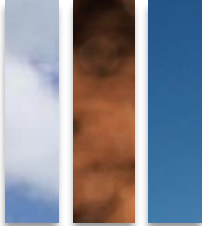
### Scenarios:

**A. CBA of HMC biomass gasification for heat generation vs. heat and electricity generation;**

**B. CBA of HMC biomass gasification vs. wood chips gasification for heat and electricity generation.**



# Logical diagram for cost benefits analysis of HMC biomass gasification as local energy carrier





# Cost benefits analysis for biomass gasification as local energy carrier

| Input data about the required gasification installation and biomass fuel |  |   |   |  |  |                              |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| Type of biomass  | Gasification gas burned in boiler  | Gasification gas used in CHP with Otto engine   | Gasification gas and Diesel used in CHP with Diesel engine (15% Diesel injection)     |  | Average prod of biomass [tonnes/hectares*year] | Price €/ dry tone of biomass |  |
|  | Estimate consum of biomass/thermal energy of produced gas burn in to the boiler [kg/kWh] | Estimate consum of biomass/ electric energy of produced gas in CHP Otto engine [kg/kWh] | Estimate consum kg/kWh biomass / electric energy of produced gas in CHP Diesel engine | Estimate consum [kg/kWh] Diesel / electric energy of produced gas in CHP Diesel engine |  |                              |  |
| Miscanthus giganteus   | 1,2  | 4,10  | 3,49  | 0,0630   | 25   | 60                           |  |
| Sida hermaphrodita   | 1,3  | 4,20  | 3,57  | 0,0630   | 22,5   | 60                           |  |
| Spartina pectinata   | 1,3  | 4,30  | 3,66  | 0,0630   | 19,5   | 60                           |  |
| Panicum virgatum   | 1,3  | 4,20  | 3,67  | 0,0630   | 19,5   | 60                           |  |
| Wood chips   | 1,1  | 4,00  | 3,40  | 0,0630   | 15   | 117                          |  |

| Parameters/ Country | Labour cost [Euro/hour] | Maintenance cost [%*Equipm cost/year] | Tax rate [%] | Electrical energy price [Euro/kWh] | Thermal energy price [Euro/kWh] | Income state subvention for RES [Euro/kWh] | Diesel price [€/l] | Wood chips [Euro/tonnes] |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Romania             | 1,97                    | 0,02                                  | 19           | 0,12                               | 0,0523                          | 0,167                                      | 0,99               | 65                       |
| Poland              | 3,05                    | 0,02                                  | 23           | 0,13                               | 0,0386                          | 0,153                                      | 0,956              | 102,5                    |
| Germany             | 8,84                    | 0,02                                  | 31           | 0,29                               | 0,073                           | 0,185                                      | 1,129              | 131                      |
| Other Country       |                         |                                       |              |                                    |                                 |  |                    |                          |

| Parameters/ Country      | Wood chips [Euro/tonnes] |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wood chips Romania       | 65                       |
| Wood chips Poland        | 102,5                    |
| Wood chips Germany       | 131                      |
| Wood chips Other Country |                          |

| Price of gasification installation Euro/ KW | gasification instalation + boiler for thermal energy | gasification instalation + CHP (electrical+ thermal energy) |
|---|--|---|
| inst<50kw                                   | 2800   | 4900  |

### SECTION II

#### Cost benefits analysis of HMC biomass gasification for heat generation vs. heat and electricity production

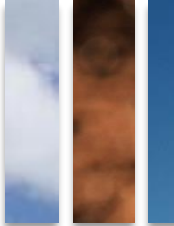
Select the country of installation: **Germany**

Select the biomass intent to be use: **Miscanthus giganteus**

| Case 1. Boiler powered by biomass gasification gas for thermal energy production |          |           | Case 2. CHP with Otto engine powered by biomass gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production |          |           | Case 3. CHP with Diesel engine powered by biomass gasification gas and Diesel injection (15%) for electrical and thermal energy production |          |             |
|--|----------|-----------|---|----------|-----------|--|----------|-------------|
| Installed power of thermal energy only   | 61,0     | Kw        | Installed power of electrical energy CHP  | 35,0     | Kw        | Installed power of electrical energy CHP   | 35,0     | Kw          |
| Estimate consum of biomass for thermal energy only                               | 73,2     | kg/h      | Installed power of thermal energy CHP   | 61       | Kw        | Installed power of thermal energy CHP  | 61       | Kw          |
|  |          |           | Estimate consum of biomass for electrical and thermal energy  | 143,6    | kg/h      | Estimate consum of biomass for electrical and thermal energy   | 122,0    | kg/h        |
| Working time   | 24,0     | hour/day  | Working time  | 24       | hour/day  | Working time   | 0,9      | liters/day  |
|  | 320,0    | Day/year  |   | 320      | Day/year  |  | 24       | hour/day    |
| Total biomass /year  | 7880,0   | hour/year | Total biomass /year   | 7880     | hour/year | Total biomass /year  | 320      | Day/year    |
|  | 562,2    | to/year   |   | 1102,52  | to/year   |  | 7880     | hour/year   |
| Estimate surface required per biomass selected                                   | 22,5     | ha        | Estimate surface required per biomass selected  | 44,10    | ha        | Estimate surface required per biomass selected   | 937,14   | to/year     |
| Cost of the capital [%/year]   | 3,0      | %/year    | Cost of the capital [%/year]  | 3,0      | %/year    | Cost of the capital [%/year]   | 37,49    | ha          |
| Total initial investment cost that include the capital cost                      | 247680,0 | Euro      | Total initial investment cost that include the capital cost   | 248774,5 | Euro      | Total initial investment cost that include the capital cost  | 248774,5 | Euro        |
| Life time of installation  | 15       | Years     | Life time of installation   | 15       | Years     | Total Diesel/year  | 6968,31  | liters/year |
| Investment cost/year   | 16510,7  | Euro/year | Investment cost/year  | 16585,0  | Euro/year | Total initial investment cost that include the capital cost  | 248774,5 | Euro        |
| Fuel cost/ year  | 33730,6  | Euro      | Fuel cost/ year   | 61151,2  | Euro      | Life time of installation  | 15       | Years       |
| Labour cost/ year  | 67891,2  | Euro      | Labour cost/ year   | 67891,2  | Euro      | Investment cost/year   | 16585,0  | Euro/year   |
| Maintenance cost/ year   | 4953,2   | Euro      | Maintenance cost/ year  | 4975,5   | Euro      | Biomass cost/ year   | 56228,6  | Euro        |
| Total cost   | 123085,6 | Euro      | Total cost  | 155602,9 | Euro      | Diesel cost/ year  | 7867,2   | Euro        |
| Heat energy production   | 468480,0 | kWh/year  | Heat energy production  | 468480,0 | kWh/year  | Total Fuel cost/year   | 64095,8  | Euro        |
| Income (Heat energy)   | 34199,0  | Euro      | Electric energy production  | 268907,8 | kWh/year  | Labour cost/ year  | 67891,2  | Euro        |
| Income state subvention for RES  | 0,0      | Euro      | Income (Heat Energy)  | 34199,0  | Euro      | Maintenance cost/ year   | 4975,5   | Euro        |
| Total Income   | 34199,0  | Euro      | Income (electric Energy)  | 77983,2  | Euro      | Total cost   | 153547,4 | Euro        |
| Profit   | -88886,6 | Euro      | Total income (heat + electric Energy)   | 112182,2 | Euro      | Heat energy production   | 468480,0 | kWh/year    |
| Total Tax  | 0,0      | Euro      | Income state subvention for RES   | 49747,8  | Euro      | Electric energy production   | 268907,8 | kWh/year    |
| Net Profit Euro/year   | -88886,6 | Euro/Year | Total income  | 161930,1 | Euro      | Income (Heat Energy)   | 34199,0  | Euro        |
|  |          |           | Profit  | 6327,2   | Euro      | Income (electric Energy)   | 77983,2  | Euro        |
|  |          |           | Total Tax   | 1961,4   | Euro      | Total income (heat + electric Energy)  | 112182,2 | Euro        |
|  |          |           | Net Profit Euro/year  | 4385,8   | Euro/Year | Income state subvention for RES  | 42285,7  | Euro        |
|  |          |           |   |          |           | Total Income   | 154467,9 | Euro        |
|  |          |           |   |          |           | Profit   | 920,5    | Euro        |
|  |          |           |   |          |           | Total Tax  | 285,4    | Euro        |
|  |          |           |   |          |           | Net Profit Euro/year   | 635,1    | Euro/Year   |

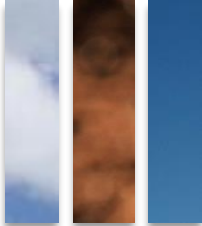


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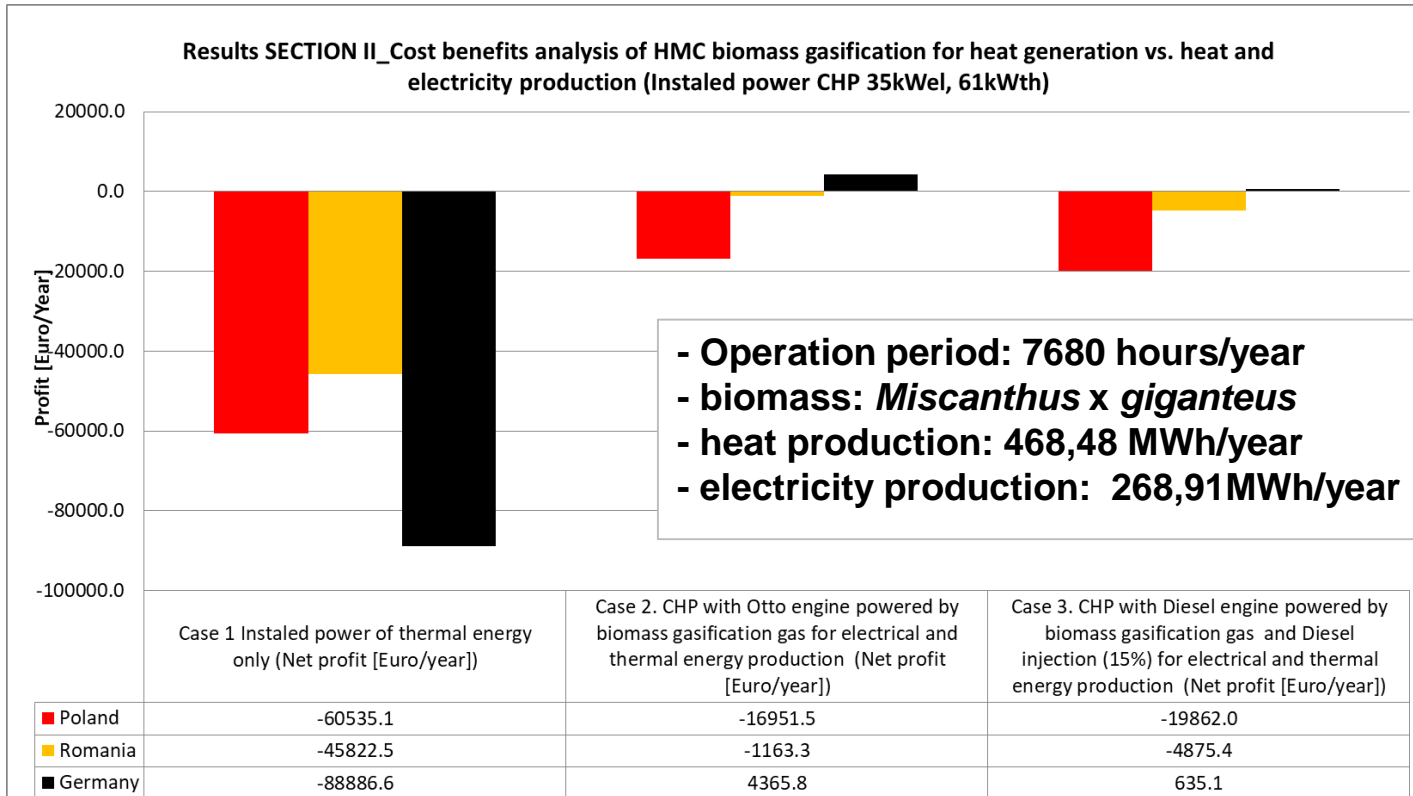


## Input data for cost benefits analysis in 2017

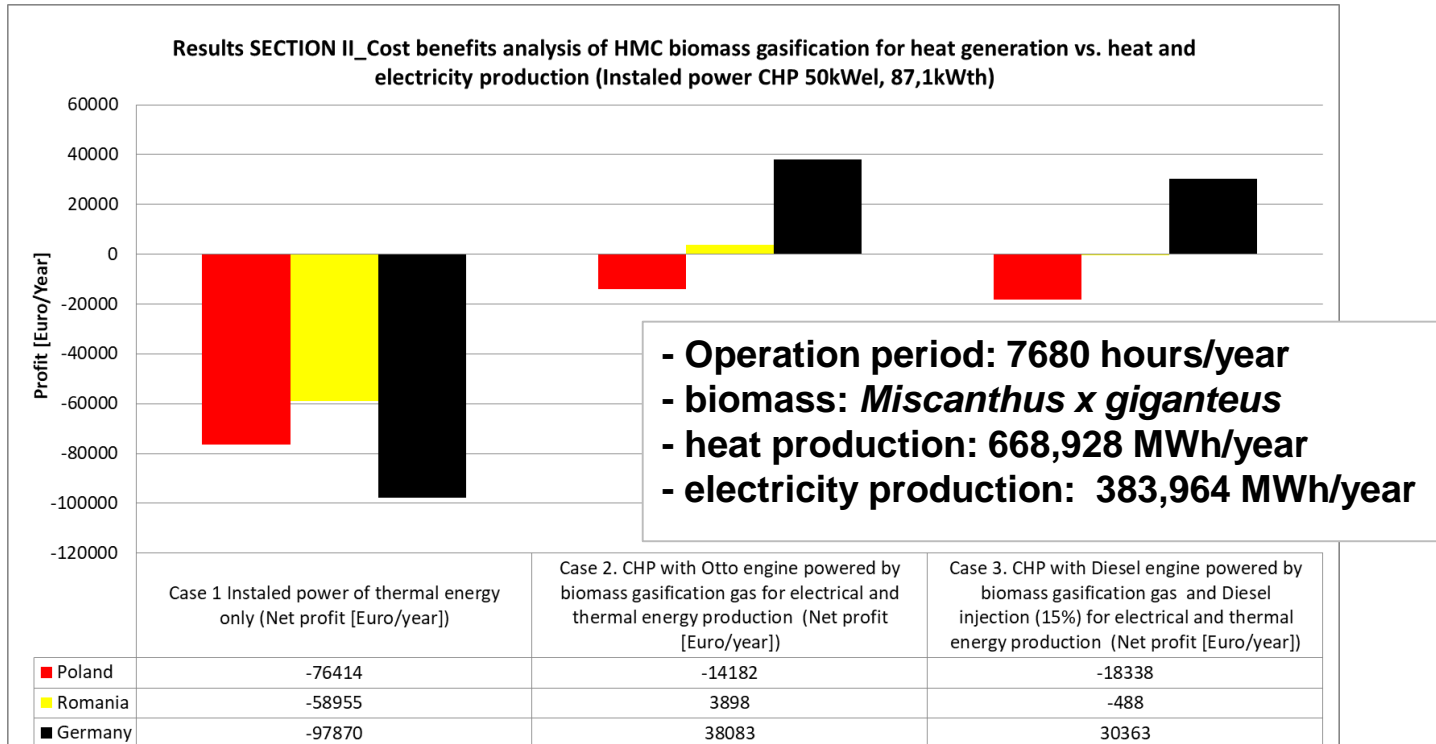
| Type of cost / Country  | Poland        | Romania       | Germany      |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Investment cost [Euro/kW] (thermal) installed (gaseification) | <b>2800</b>   | <b>2800</b>   | <b>2800</b>  |
| Investment cost [Euro/kW] (electricity) (CHP unit) installed  | <b>4900</b>   | <b>4900</b>   | <b>4900</b>  |
| Labour cost [Euro/hour]                                       | <b>3.05</b>   | <b>1.97</b>   | <b>8.84</b>  |
| Maintenance cost [ %*Total initial Investment cost/year]      | <b>0.02</b>   | <b>0.02</b>   | <b>0.02</b>  |
| Price for the <i>Miscanthus x giganteus</i> [Euro/tonne]      | <b>105</b>    | <b>115</b>    | <b>105</b>   |
| Price for the biomass (wood chips) [Euro/tonne]               | <b>102.5</b>  | <b>65</b>     | <b>131</b>   |
| Price for the Diesel in 2017 [Euro/liter]                     | <b>0.956</b>  | <b>0.99</b>   | <b>1.069</b> |
| Cost of the capital [%/year]                                  | <b>3</b>      | <b>3</b>      | <b>3</b>     |
| Grant from UE or government for RES [Euro/MWh]                | <b>153</b>    | <b>167</b>    | <b>185</b>   |
| Price for the thermal energy in 2017[Euro/kWh]                | <b>0.0386</b> | <b>0.0523</b> | <b>0.073</b> |
| Price for the electrical energy [Euro/kWh]                    | <b>0.13</b>   | <b>0.12</b>   | <b>0.29</b>  |
| Corporate tax rates [%]                                       | <b>19</b>     | <b>19</b>     | <b>29.8</b>  |



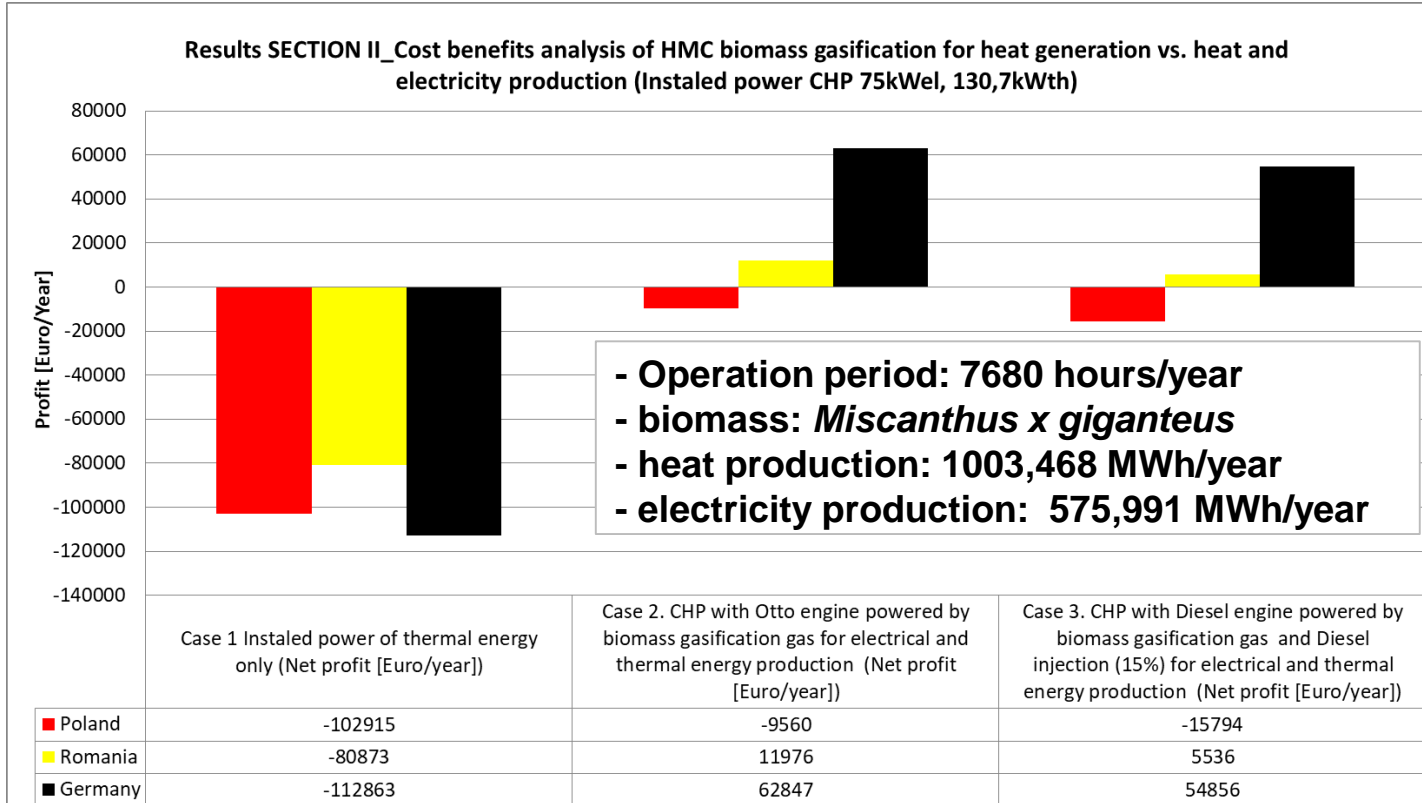
## A. CHP 35 kWel / 61 kWth



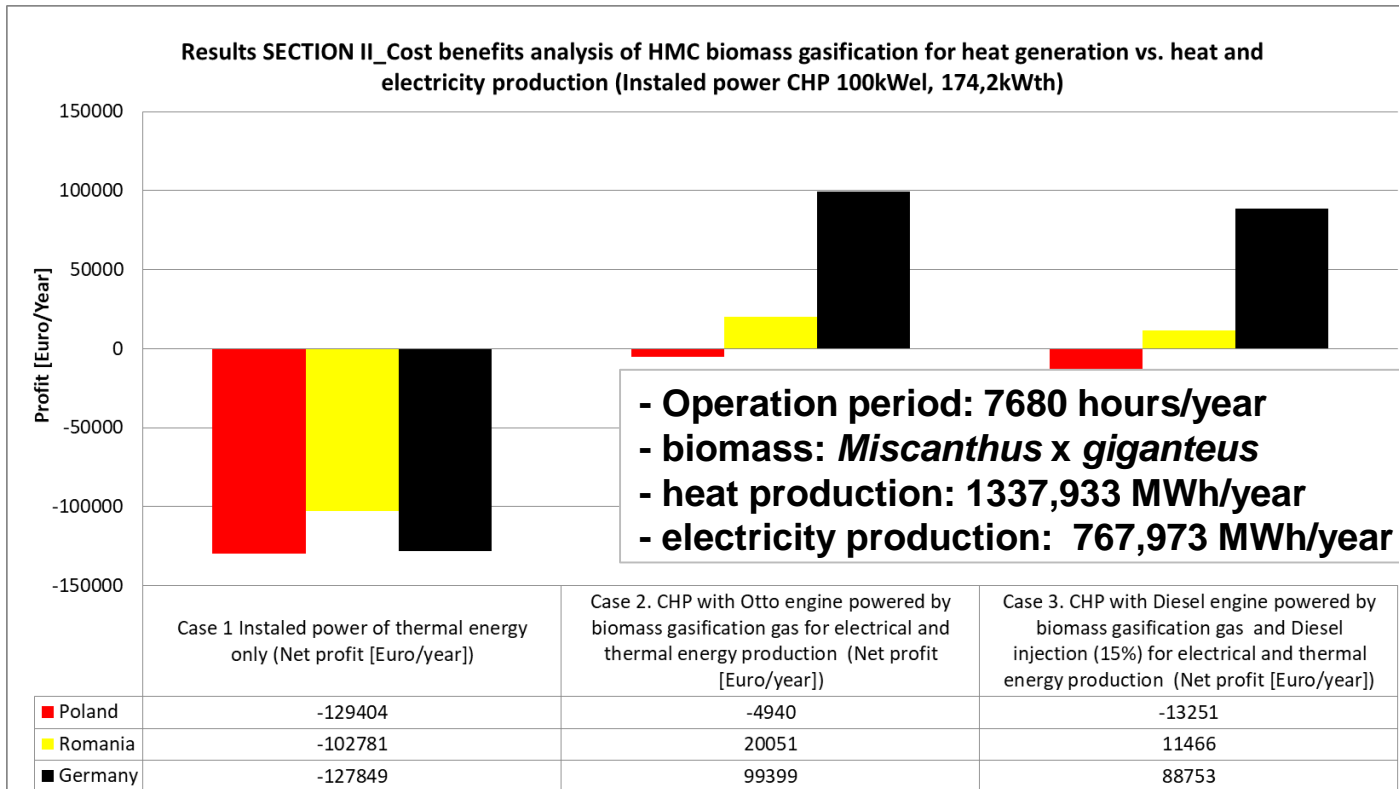
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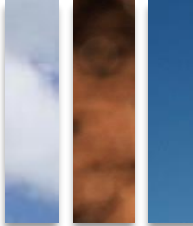


## A. CHP 75 kWel / 130.7 kWth



## A. CHP 100 kWel / 174.2 kWth

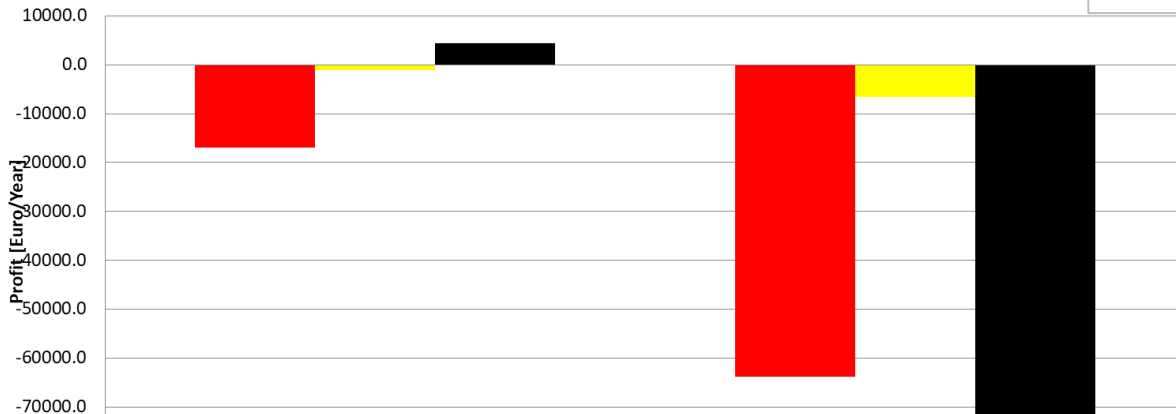




## B. CHP 35 kWel / 61 kWth

- Operation period: 7680 hours/year
- biomass: *Miscanthus x giganteus*
- heat production: 468,48 MWh/year
- electricity production: 268,91MWh/year

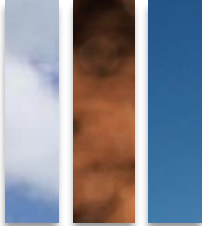
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Case 4. CHP with Otto engine powered by biomass gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year])

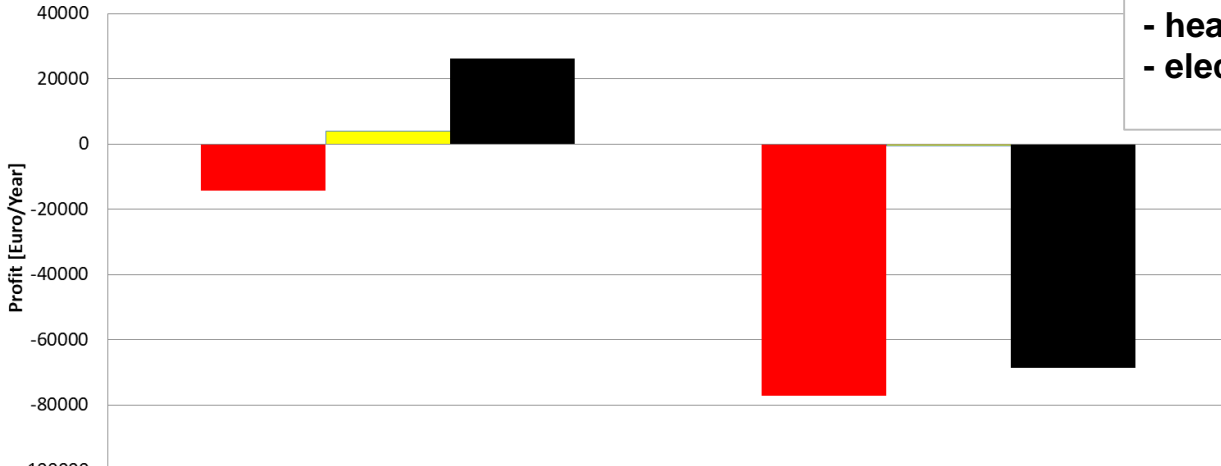
Case 5. CHP with Otto engine powered by wood chips gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year])

|           |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| ■ Poland  | -16951.5 | -63808.7 |
| ■ Romania | -1163.3  | -6675.9  |
| ■ Germany | 4365.8   | -71951.8 |



## B. CHP 50 kWel / 87.1 kWth

Results SECTION III Cost benefits analysis of HMC biomass gasification in comparison with wood chips gasification for heat and electricity production (Instaled power CHP 50kWel, 87,1kWth)

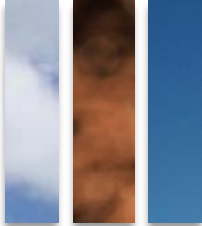


- Operation period: 7680 hours/year
- biomass: *Miscanthus x giganteus*
- heat production: 668,928 MWh/year
- electricity production: 383,964 MWh/year

|         | Case 4. CHP with Otto engine powered by biomass gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year]) | Case 5. CHP with Otto engine powered by wood chips gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year]) |
|---------|--|---|
| Poland  | -14182   | -77152  |
| Romania | 3898   | -563  |
| Germany | 26277  | -68659  |

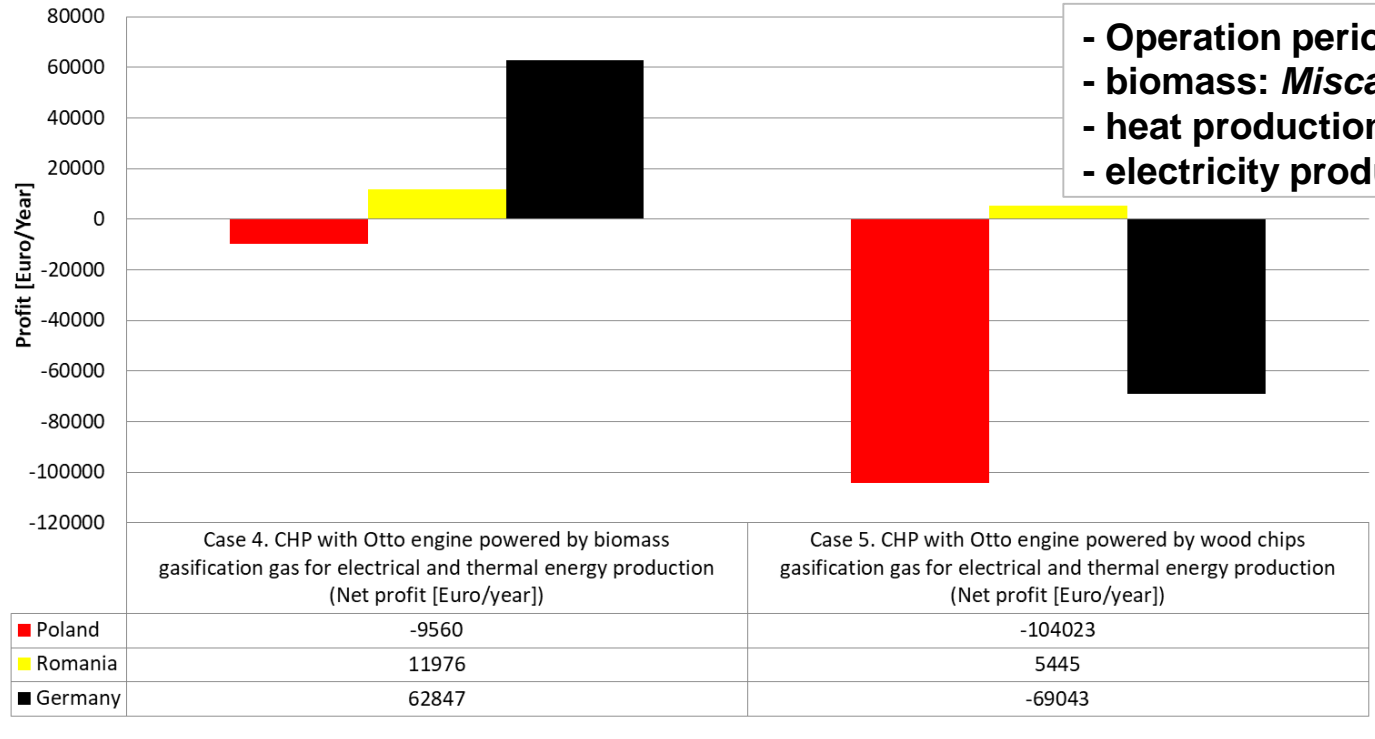






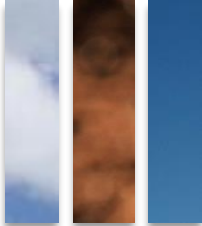
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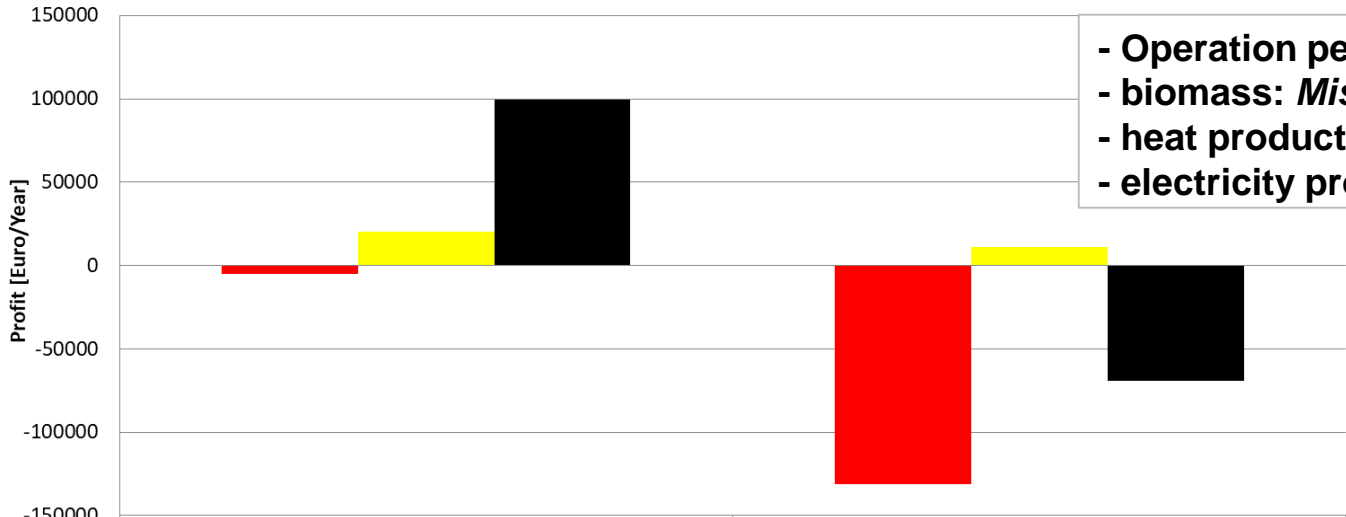
- Operation period: 7680 hours/year
- biomass: *Miscanthus x giganteus*
- heat production: 1003,468 MWh/year
- electricity production: 575,991 MWh/year





## B. CHP 100 kWel / 174.2 kWth

Results SECTION III Cost benefits analysis of HMC biomass gasification in comparison with wood chips gasification for heat and electricity production (Instaled power CHP 100kWel, 174,2kWth)



- Operation period: 7680 hours/year
- biomass: *Miscanthus x giganteus*
- heat production: 1337,933 MWh/year
- electricity production: 767,973 MWh/year

|         | Case 4. CHP with Otto engine powered by biomass gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year]) | Case 5. CHP with Otto engine powered by wood chips gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production (Net profit [Euro/year]) |
|---------|--|---|
| Poland  | -4940.374285   | -130880.7867  |
| Romania | 20051.03994  | 11342.72117   |
| Germany | 99399.40325  | -69427.25147  |



## Conclusions

- **A. Analyze of the obtained results of Cost benefits analysis of HMC biomass gasification for heat generation vs. heat and electricity generation offer the following conclusions:**
  - If the gas obtained after gasification process of HMC biomass is used only for heat generation, in all the examined cases there is no profit. This is because the heating energy price is relatively small and the manufacturer does not get any subsidy from the state for renewable energy production in cogeneration.
  - If the gas obtained after gasification process of HMC biomass is used to obtain the combined electricity and heat energy, the plant is generally profitable only if the installed electrical power greater then 50 kWel. For smaller installed capacity, the impact of labor cost are quite large and practically cancel any profits.
  - As installed power of CHP plant is higher and also the number of operating hours is higher, the profit generated from the plant is higher.

## Conclusions

- Best solution for energy recovery for HMC Biomass was **small and mobile Gasification plants**
- Comparing the amount of profit in the three countries (Poland, Romania, Germany) analyzed notice that practically amount of profit is higher in the countries where the price of electricity delivered is greater.
- Comparing the cogeneration plant that works in Case 2. CHP with Otto engine powered by biomass gasification gas for electrical and thermal energy production and Case 3. CHP with Diesel engine powered by biomass gasification gas and Diesel injection (15%) for electrical and thermal energy production we observe, that the plant with Otto engine has a higher profit for the same electrical power plant installed because in the Diesel Engine use 15% Diesel fuel and the subsidy is proportional energy generated by biomass fuel.

**In all cases mentioned above, however, the decision to implement an installation may be taken even if the net profit obtained from the plant is negative, but the utilization of HMC Biomass in gasification installation generates benefits for environment and for society.**

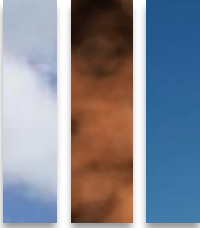
## Conclusions

- **B. If we analyze the obtained results of “Cost benefits analysis of biomass gasification” in comparison with HMC wood chips for heat and electricity generation gasification; we can draw the following conclusions:**
  - Due to the high value of the piece for wood chips in Germany and Poland, a CHP gasification plant that operates with such fuel is not feasible at the current price of fuel but the use of the HMC biomass in in generally feasible for plant whit the installed electrical power greater then 50 kWel.
  - Rising prices in recent years of the wood chips in all the countries, make that a facility that operates with HMC biomass to be more profitable then the situation when the plant use wood chips as fuel.

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