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## ***POLDANOR'S EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING AND OPERATION OF FARM BIOGAS PLANTS***

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# About Poldanor

Established: 1994

## SHAREHOLDERS

- AXZON A/S (Danish farmers)
- Axelgaard Universal Holding

## ACTIVITIES AND SIZE:

- Pig production: 450,000 pigs/year
- Plant production: 14,000 ha
- Feed production: 135,000 t/year
- Production of energy in 7 biogas plants (52,000 MWh)
- Turnover: Euro 60 million
- Employment: 500 people



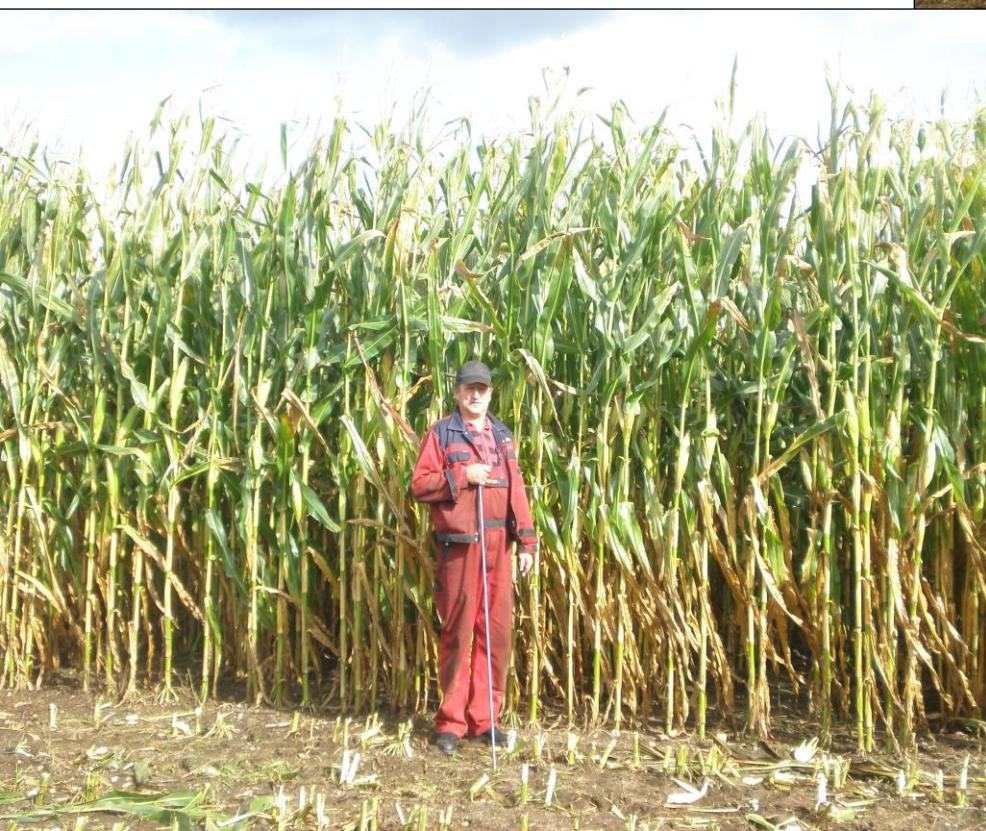
# Common strategy: Sustainable agriculture



from farm  to table

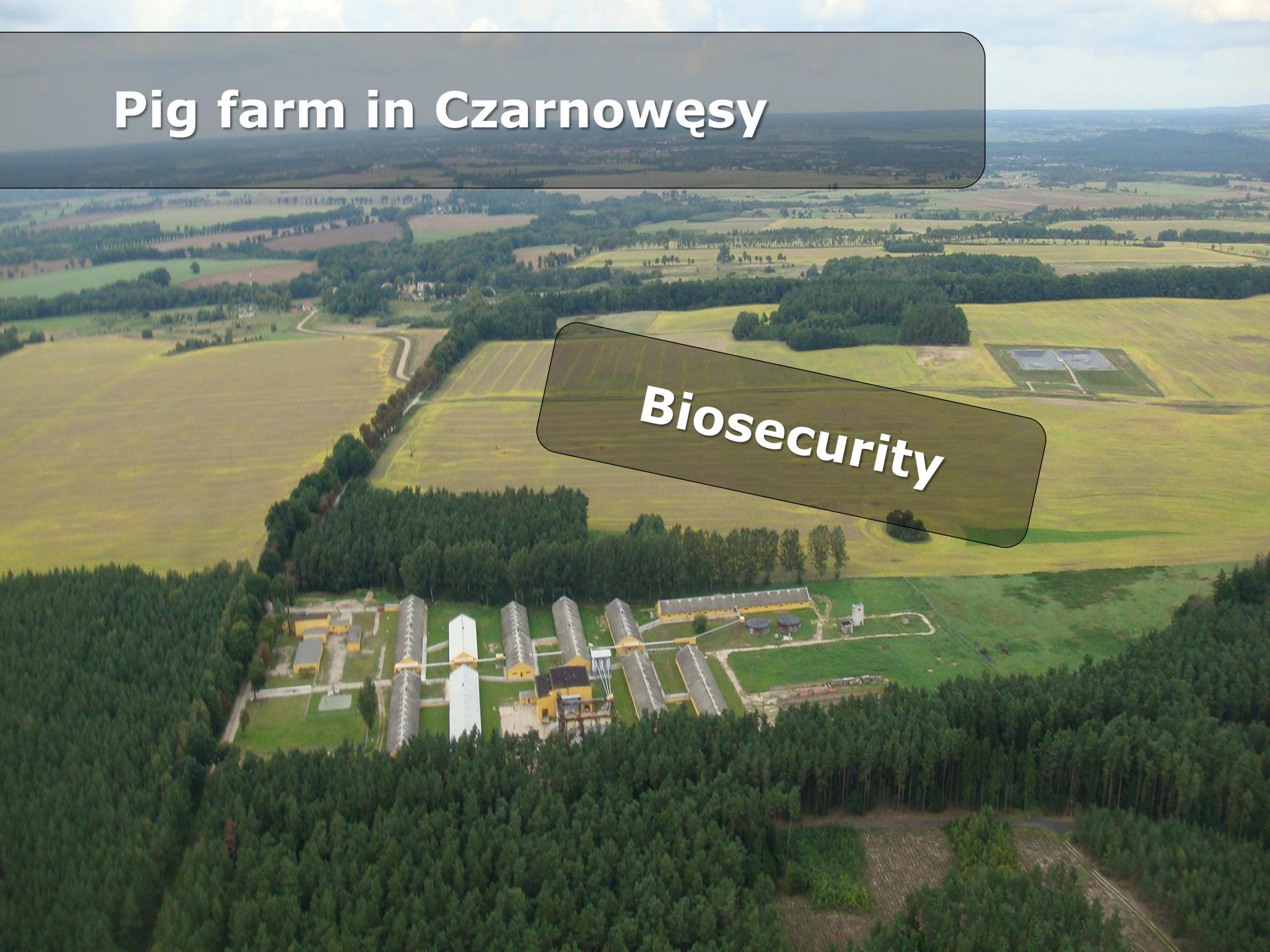
**traceability**

## Efficient crop production



**Reduced farming solutions  
save the environment (no  
ploughing => reduction of  
fuel consumption)**

# Pig farm in Czarnowęsy

An aerial photograph of a pig farm in a rural area. The farm is located in the foreground, surrounded by a dense green forest. Beyond the farm, there are numerous agricultural fields in various stages of crop growth, some with distinct patterns from harvesting. In the far distance, a small town or cluster of buildings is visible under a cloudy sky.

Biosecurity



**Poldanor sow herd: 18 000  
in 7 farms**



**Total pig production:  
450.000 pigs / year**



# BIOGAS – yet another step towards sustainable agriculture (since 2005)





## POLDANOR'S BIOGAS PLANTS:

No.	BIOGAS PLANT	LOCATION (commune)	COMMISSIONED	POWER [kWe]
1.	<b>Pawłówko</b>	Przechlewo	2005	<b>946</b>
2.	<b>Płaszczyca</b>	Przechlewo	2008	<b>625</b>
3.	<b>Kujanki</b>	Człuchów	2008	<b>330</b>
4.	<b>Koczała</b>	PKoczała	2009	<b>2 126</b>
5.	<b>Nacław</b>	Polanów	2010	<b>625</b>
6.	<b>Świelino</b>	Bobolice	2010	<b>625</b>
7.	<b>Uniechówek</b>	Debrzno	2011	<b>1 064</b>
8.	<b>Gizyno</b>	Kalisz Pomorski	Under construction	<b>1 064</b>

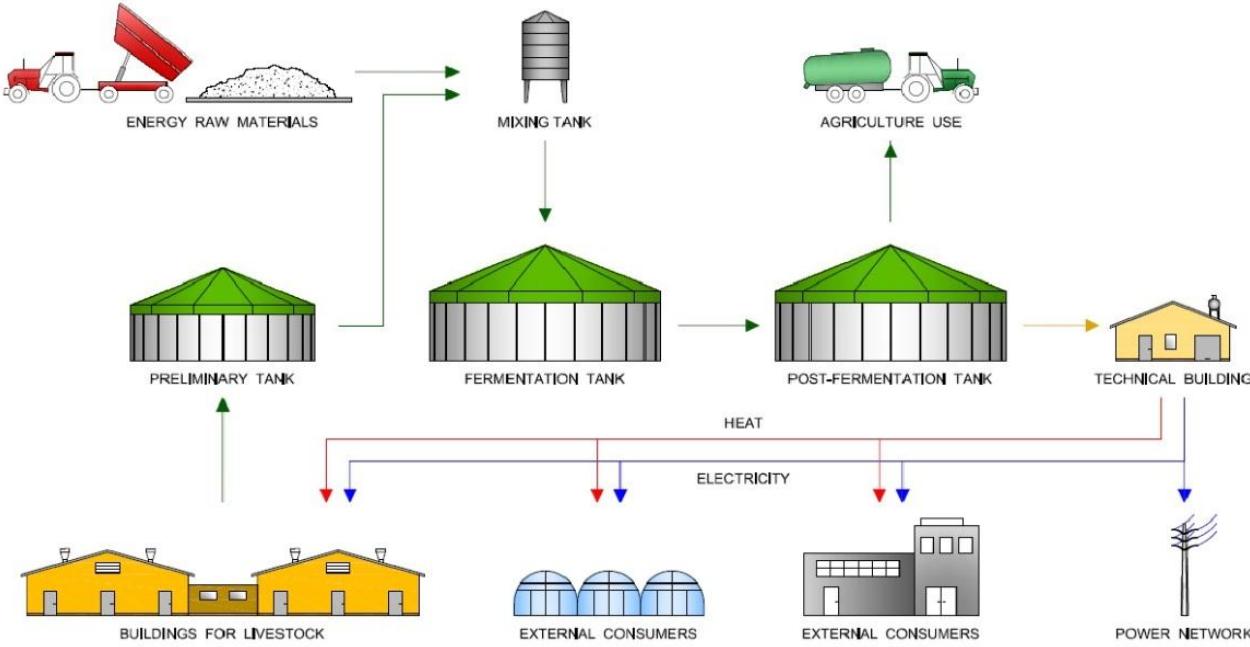
Total installed capacity: **7,405 MW el.** and **9,938 MW heat**

## Essential functions of biogas plants:

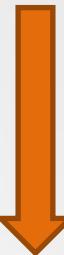
- Electricity and heat – cogeneration (app. 52,000 MWh in 2011)
- Renewable energy source (spread: 8 units)
- Utilization of plant and animal waste (1000 t/year)
- Natural fertilizer (app. 300,000 tons/year)
- Reduction of GHG (greenhouse gas) emission (app. 250,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> eq/year)
- Reduction of odour (slurry from animal breeding) – app. 80%
- Development of local infrastructure
- New jobs



# Technological process

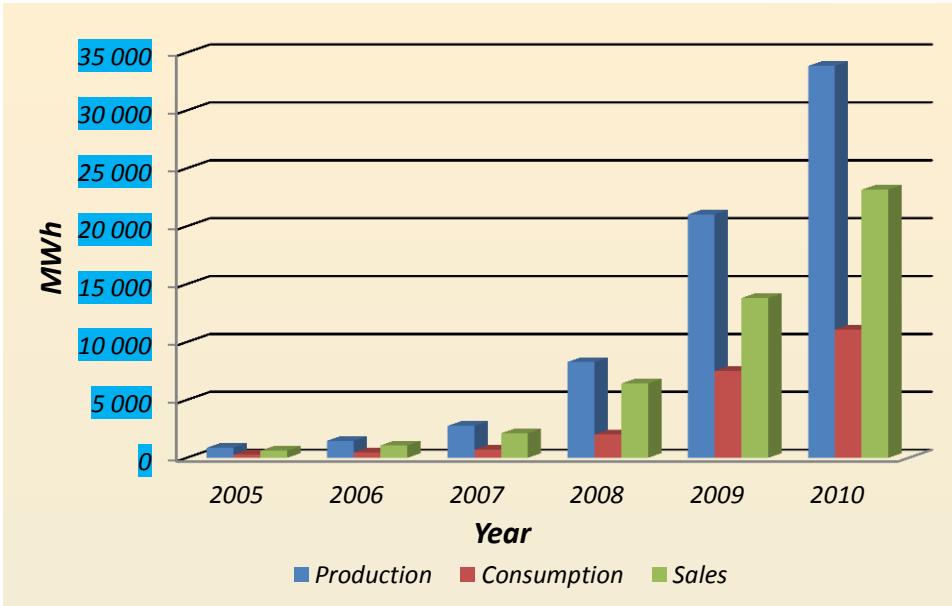


Substrates



- Pig slurry (65%)
- Maize silage (30%)
- Glycerin etc. (2%)
- Slaughter waste (3%)

# Energy Balance



Electricity production in 2005 r. – 875 MWh

2010 – 33 851 MWh

(44 times more than in 2005)

33% of the energy produced is consumed by Poldanor, out of which 30% is used in the technological process in biogas plants

Average efficiency of Poldanor's biogas plants reached 85% in 2010

# Biogas plants investment budget

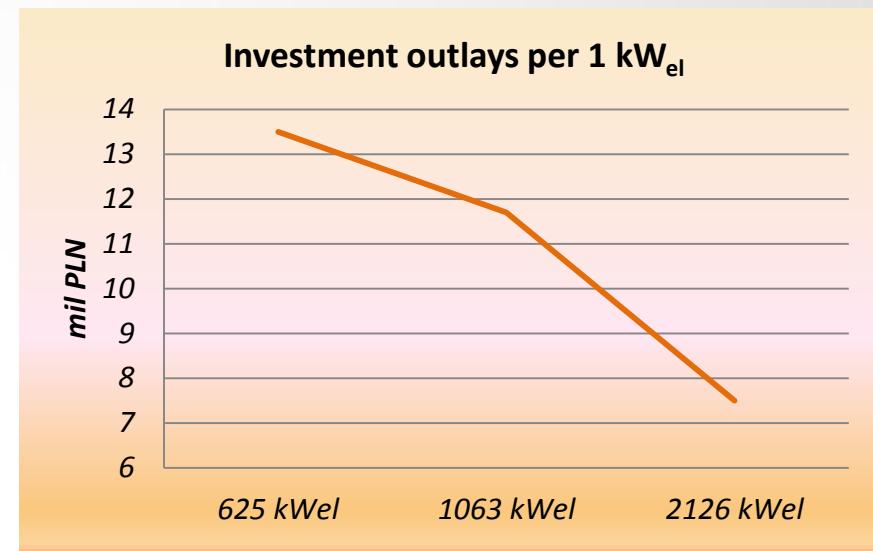
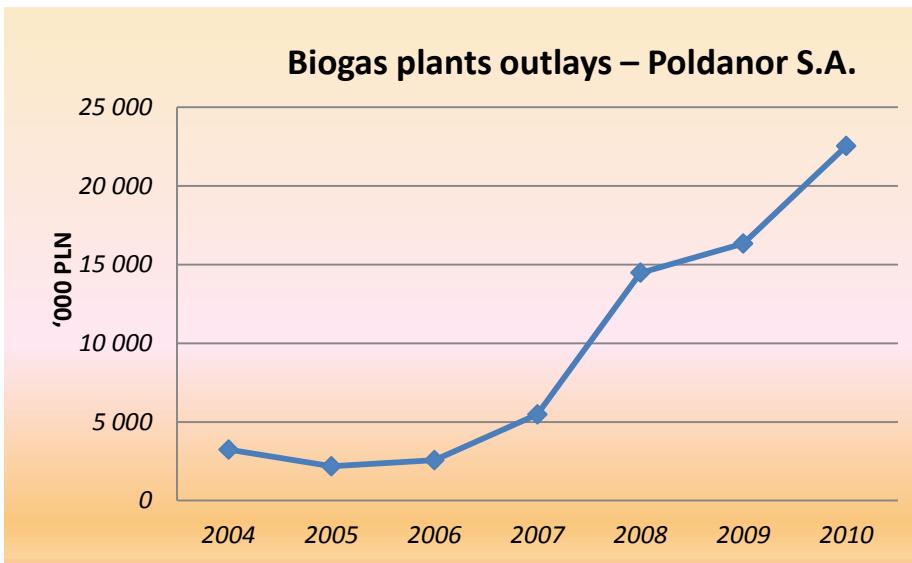
## Estimated investment budget PLN

Biogas plant 625kW<sub>el</sub> 7-9 mil

Biogas plant 1 063kW<sub>el</sub> 12–13 mil

Biogas plant 2 126kW<sub>el</sub> 15-17 mil

1 kW<sub>el</sub> ~ 3,000 - 3,500. Euro



**Production start:**

06.2005

**Power:**

946 kW<sub>el</sub>

**Substrates:**

Manure – 74 t/day

Silage – 20 t/day

Other – 23 t/day

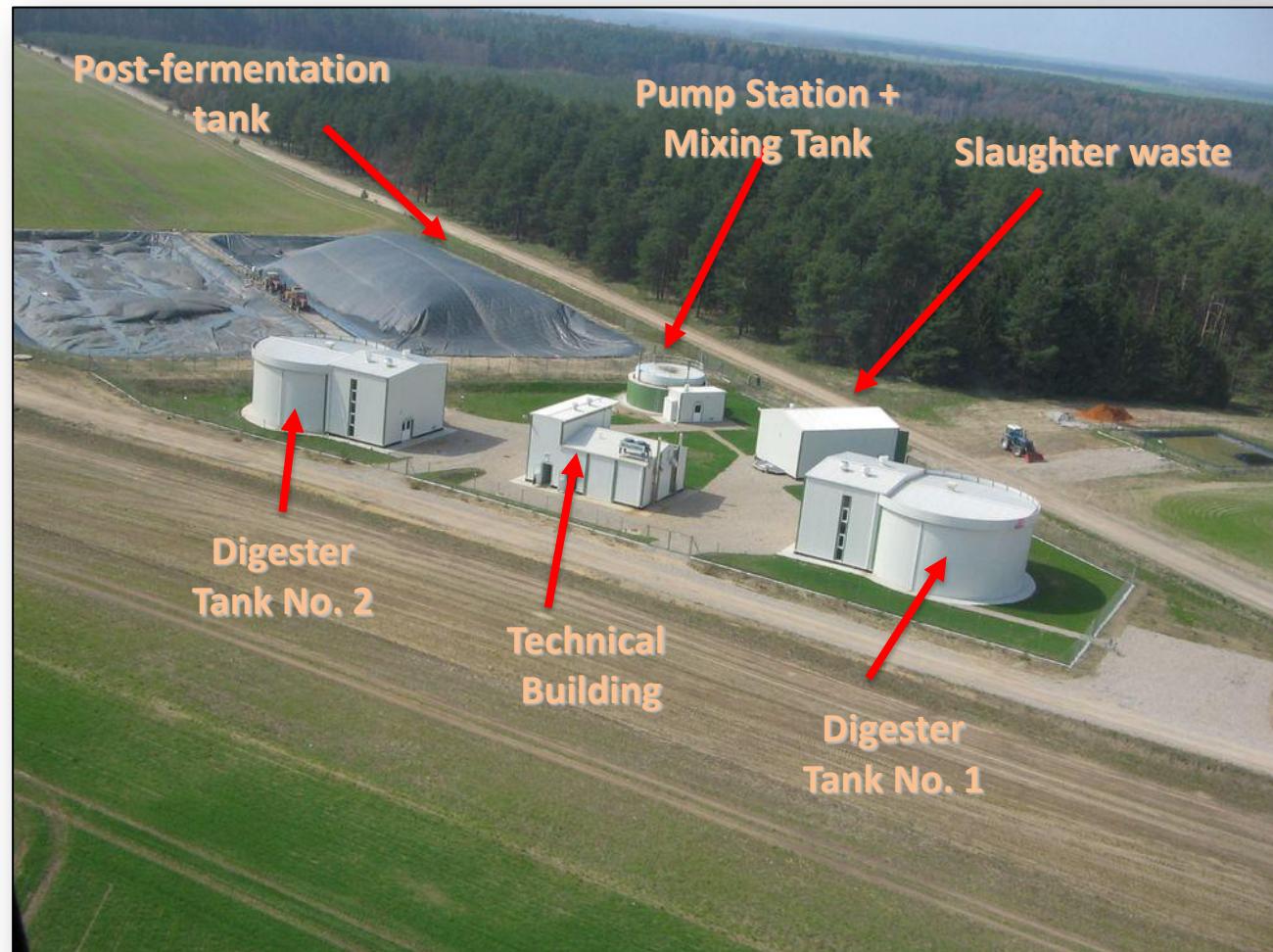
Slaughter waste – 3t/day

**Biogas production:**

~ 6 700 m<sup>3</sup>/ day

**Annual energy  
production:**

~ 7 100 MWh





*Technical building with  
hygienizator and CHP unit*



*Mixing tank and  
pump station*

**Production start:**

04.2009

**Power:**

2 126 kW<sub>el</sub>

**Substrates:**

Manure – 150 t/day

Silage – 110 t/day

Other – 4 t/day

**Biogas production:**

~ 25 000 m<sup>3</sup> / day

**Annual energy production:**

~ 16 600 MWh





*CHP unit - 625 kWe*



*Desulphurization unit*



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„Budowa biogazowni rolniczej w Koczale,” - projekt współfinansowany ze środków Narodowego Funduszu Ochrony Środowiska i Gospodarki Wodnej



Digester tanks – 3000 m<sup>3</sup> each





Biogas Plant  
NACŁAW  
Heat pipeline

## Heat Consumers (app. 500 kW)



Poldanor



**Biogas  
Plant**



**Pig farm**



Village of Nacław



**Blocks  
of flats**



**Housing  
Association**



**Local school**



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## The heating pipeline under construction



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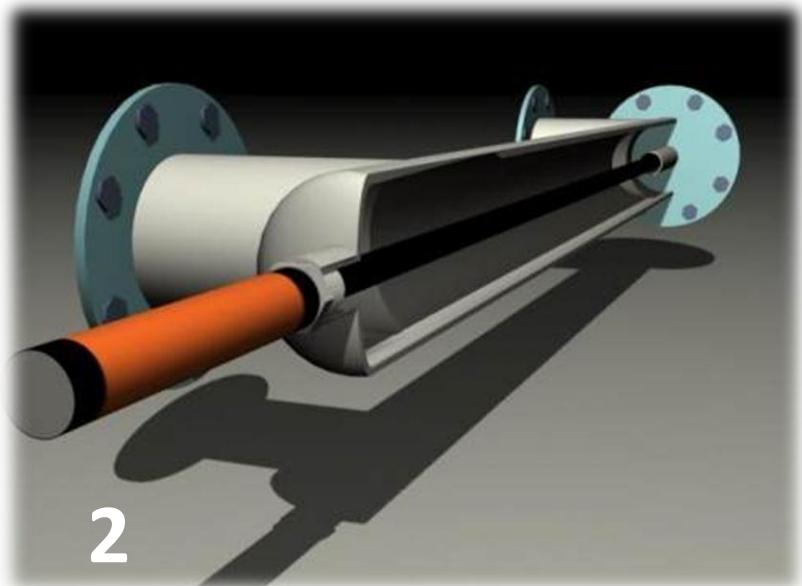
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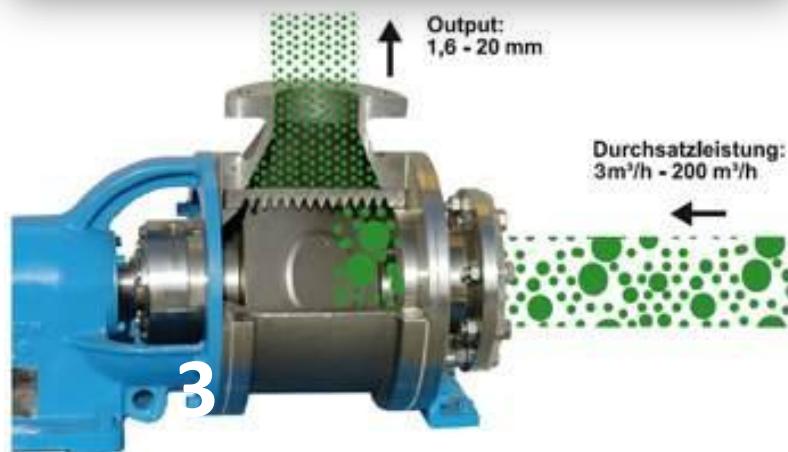
# Systems for pre-treatment corn silage and biomass



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1. **Hunning** - mobile hammer mill for grinding maize silage (6 t/hour)
2. **Biocrack** - system for desintegration of cells membranes (up to 40 m<sup>3</sup>/hour)
3. **Gorator** – grinder for biomass (mixture of slurry and silage) – 40m<sup>3</sup>/hour

## Separation of biomass after fermentation

Capacity: 11,5 t/h

Solid fraction: 25-30% DM



### Advantages:

- more efficient use of storage tanks on slurry
- reduction of N and P in organic fertilizer used on fields
- potential source of additional revenue from the sale of solid fraction

**Utilization of the fermented biomass as natural  
fertilizer, using the soil injection method**  
**Capacity: 150 t/h**



# CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A BIOGAS PLANT - BARRIERS

Organizational-  
Technical



Legal



Financial

## Crucial factors of success

- A well-considered investment concept, taking into account a rational supply of substrates and utilization of the fermented biomass
- Reliable information and dialogue with local municipalities
- Applying solutions which eliminate/reduce negative impact of the investment on the surroundings/environment
- A good CSR policy – building up positive, long-term relations with the local community
- Professionalism at every stage
- Credibility, credibility, credibility...

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# Sustainable Agriculture





Pig production



Prime Food



Local projects

Heat



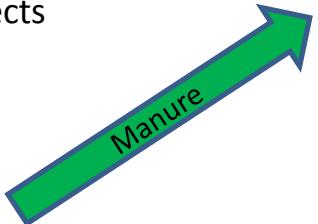
Biogas Plants  
(Cogeneration)

Surplus electricity



Power grid

Manure



Corn silage  
Fertilizer

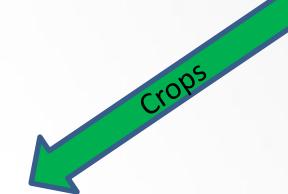
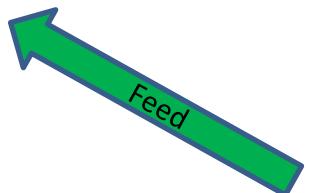


Arable Production



Feed mill

Feed





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## Biomass for biogas Goals

Develop methods for utilization of non-food biomass for biogas production

Biomass must be used for energy production as close to the place of production as possible

Energy output should be used as efficient as possible

# We are serious about **Corporate Social Responsibility** because:



- we care for environment
- we care for people
- we care for animals
- we contribute to local development





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