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1. METHODOLOGY

Infrastructure and Biomass database given within the Atlas are prerequisite for any use of Optimization tool (OT). After the selection or manual entry of sources, connection points, etc. is done, optimization can be started.

2. CASE STUDIES

The case studies were conducted using data related to biomass and infrastructure from all over the country by combining biomass depots and energy infrastructure elements from nearby counties that correspond to both national historical regions and administrative development regions.

The main regions targeted were Moldova, which corresponds to the North East Development Region; Muntenia South Development Region; Transylvania Central

Development Region but also the Oltenia Region or the western part of the country, the Banat and Crisana regions.

There were also some exceptional cases where elements from the counties of Calarasi and Constanta were chosen, which are not part of the same region but have a very good connectivity in terms of road, rail and water navigation being neighboring.

2.1 SUMMARY

For each one of cases studies (IP, REP and GF), variations of methane prices and subsidies are considered. In the Table 1, case summaries are given:

Table 1. Simulation cases

	Conservative prices of methane			Higher prices of methane		
	No increase No increase IP	No increase No increase REP	No increase No increase GF	10x winter 5x summer IP	10x winter 5x summer REP	15x winter 10x summer GF
No subsidy	No production, Fig. 1	No production Fig. 2	No production Fig. 3	No production Fig. 4	Periodic production ^a Fig. 5	Periodic production ^b Fig. 6
Subsidy of 50 %	No production Fig. 7	No production Fig. 8	No production Fig. 9	Periodic production Fig. 10	Continuous production Fig. 11	Continuous production ^b Fig. 12

^a simulation for period of 01 January to 30 June

^b simulation for period of 01 February to 31 May

2.2 RESULTS WITHOUT SUBSIDIES

Figure 1 shows an investment of almost 58 million euros, with a pay-off period of 20 years while savings amount to 33.7 million euros. The values 0 in the case of the "Net production without investment" tab mean that no consumption is recorded.

Investment specifications				
	Element	Price	Size	
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	20,091,787.83 €	0.956752 kg/s	
	Wet anaerobic digester	20,294,266.87 €	1.014713 kg/s	
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Biogas separator	353,728.10 €	0.020808 kg/s	
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	114,277.29 €	0.114277 kg/s	
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	11,564,289.70 €	1.652041 kg/s	
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Electrolyser	2,671,585.37 €	1,068.63 kW	
	Deminerallizer	267,443.36 €	14.076072 mol/s	
	Precipitation collector	2,000.00 €	1,000.00 m ³	
	Methanation reactor	768,330.13 €	2.364770 mol/s	
	Heat exchanger	1,436,504.60 €	14,365.0460 kW	
	Total for processes	57,564,435.25 €		
	Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
		Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
		Biochar storage	17,726.97 €	1,848.4648 kg
Water storage tank		20.60 €	1,030.1115 mol	
Oxygen storage tank		53.58 €	134.2061 mol	
Hydrogen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Carbon dioxide storage tank		33.39 €	41.7401 mol	
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol		
Total for storages	27,834.65 €			
Connections/enlargement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Water connection	1.83 €	0.91 m ³ /h	
	Total for connections	1.83 €		
Total investment	57,592,271.73 €			
Payoff period	20.00 years			

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	122,601,308.22 €	98,340.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	122,601,308.22 €	98,540.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	174,854.85 €	171,426.32 kW
	Consumed by P2G	-48,210,482.06 €	-95,075.80 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	3,273,667.04 €	3,464.20 MWh
Peak power with investment	71,046.10 €	69,653.04 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by IP	0.00 €	589,420.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	589,420.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	-117,377.75 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	706,797.75 MWh	
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	6,104,600,130.00 €	5,402,301.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	6,104,600,130.00 €	5,402,301.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	446,235.80 €	9,057.12 MWh
Net consumption with investment	6,004,365,583.36 €	5,393,243.88 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	8,307.58 €	7,837.34 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	1,196,210.71 €	28,576.05 t
	Wet biomass bought	892,000.00 €	32,000.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO ₂ emitted	93,819,029.18 €	1,876,380,583.27 kg
Total operational cost without investment	6,227,376,293.07 €		
Total operational cost with investment	6,193,625,843.93 €		
Savings with introduction of P2G	33,750,449.11 €		

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Fig. 1 Results for IP with conservative prices of methane and no subsidy

In the case of Figure 2 P2G hub is not economically viable for such set of parameters. Therefore, payoff period is not applicable. All this time the negative value of the "Net Consumption without investment" indicator means that there are positive values of production.

Investment specifications				
	Element	Price	Size	
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ²	
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/a	
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW	
	Total for processes	0.00 €		
	Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
Wet biomass storage		0.00 €	0.0000 kg	
Biochar storage		0.00 €	0.0000 kg	
Water storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Oxygen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Hydrogen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Carbon dioxide storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Methane storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Total for storages	0.00 €			
Connections and equipment	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h	
	Total for connections	0.00 €		
Total investment	0.00 €			
Payoff period	n/a		years	

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	6,553,857.45 €	13,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	-6,553,857.45 €	-13,000.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	-6,553,857.45 €	-13,000.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	4,000.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	4,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production with investment	0.00 €	4,000.00 MWh
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		-6,553,857.45 €	
Total operational cost with investment		-6,553,857.45 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		0.00 €	

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Fig. 2 Results for REP with conservative prices of methane and no subsidy

Investment specifications			
Element	Price	Size	
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ²
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW
	Total for processes	0.00 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Biochar storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Water storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Total for storages	0.00 €		
Connections and enlargement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h
	Total for connections	0.00 €	
Total investment	0.00 €		
Payoff period	n/a	years	

Operational costs for selected period			
	Price	Amount	
Electrical energy	Produced by REF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Heat	Produced by REF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Methane	Produced by REF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO ₂ emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment	0.00 €		
Total operational cost with investment	0.00 €		
Savings with introduction of P2G	0.00 €		

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Fig. 3 Results for GF with conservative prices of methane and no subsidy

As will be the other cases regarding Greenfield type investments, regardless of the price of the gas or the possible subsidy granted, it can be perceived that P2G hubs is not as economically viable as Greenfield investments.

Investment specifications		
Element	Price	Size
Processes		
Dry anaerobic digester	4,661,339.42 €	0.221969 kg/s
Wet anaerobic digester	61,758,445.02 €	3.087922 kg/s
Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
Biogas separator	6,507,913.68 €	0.382818 kg/s
Gasification + water gas shift plant	1,046,581.68 €	1.046582 kg/s
Combined heat and power (CHP)	16,019,679.15 €	2.288526 kg/s
Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
Electrolyser	24,490,011.42 €	9,796.00 kW
Deminerlizer	752,490.70 €	39.604774 mol/s
Precipitation collector	2,000.00 €	3,000.00 m ³
Methanation reactor	18,989,352.35 €	58.428776 mol/s
Heat exchanger	2,014,523.66 €	20,145.2366 kW
Total for processes	136,242,337.09 €	
Storages		
Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
Wet biomass storage	1,038,688.99 €	211,737.7990 kg
Biochar storage	1,321,406.09 €	88,093.7393 kg
Water storage tank	173,114.01 €	8,655,700.5946 mol
Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Hydrogen storage tank	21,599,899.96 €	12,705,823.5086 mol
Carbon dioxide storage tank	2,944,475.87 €	1,930,594.8334 mol
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Total for storages	26,497,584.92 €	
Connections enlargement		
Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
Water connection	5.15 €	2.57 m ³ /h
Total for connections	5.15 €	
Total investment	162,739,927.16 €	
Payoff period	20.00 years	

Operational costs for selected period		
	Price	Amount
Electrical energy		
Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Consumed by IP	127,475,997.95 €	102,458.00 MWh
Net consumption without investment	127,475,997.95 €	102,458.00 MWh
Peak power without investment	181,807.18 €	178,242.32 kW
Consumed by P2G	22,284,373.77 €	-16,005.32 MWh
Net consumption with investment	81,697,782.97 €	86,452.68 MWh
Peak power with investment	883,937.02 €	866,504.92 kW
Heat		
Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Produced by IP	0.00 €	647,571.00 MWh
Net production without investment	0.00 €	647,571.00 MWh
Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	-153,499.13 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	801,070.13 MWh
Methane		
Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Consumed by IP	7,436,530,744.27 €	5,809,914.00 MWh
Net consumption without investment	7,436,530,744.27 €	5,809,914.00 MWh
Produced by P2G	6,233,528.83 €	104,474.60 MWh
Net consumption with investment	7,302,803,454.92 €	5,705,439.40 MWh
Water		
Water consumed by P2G	23,760.72 €	22,413.77 m ³
Inputs		
Dry biomass bought	42,000.00 €	7,000.00 t
Wet biomass bought	3,136,750.00 €	84,500.00 t
Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs		
Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
CO2 emitted	114,551,946.43 €	2,291,038,928.98 kg
Total operational cost without investment	7,564,188,549.38 €	
Total operational cost with investment	7,503,139,632.07 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G	61,048,917.31 €	

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Fig. 4 Results for IP with higher prices of methane and no subsidy

In the case of industrial plants, the scenario that predicts a higher cost of gas causes the investment with a pay-off period of 20 years to increase while savings and operating costs decrease. Even so, owning one is still beyond the reach of the average person.

Investment specifications				
Element	Price	Size		
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
	Deminerizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ³	
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW	
	Total for processes	0.00 €		
	Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
		Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
Biochar storage		0.00 €	0.0000 kg	
Water storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Oxygen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Hydrogen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Carbon dioxide storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol		
Total for storages	0.00 €			
Connections and engagement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h	
	Total for connections	0.00 €		
Total investment	0.00 €			
Payoff period	n/a	years		

Operational costs for selected period			
	Price	Amount	
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	4,537,285.93 €	9,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	-4,537,285.93 €	-9,000.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	-4,537,285.93 €	-9,000.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Water	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Inputs	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen solid	0.00 €	0.00 t
CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg	
Total operational cost without investment	-4,537,285.93 €		
Total operational cost with investment	-4,537,285.93 €		
Savings with introduction of P2G	0.00 €		

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Fig. 5 Results for REP with higher prices of methane and no subsidy

The higher gas price in this scenario (Renewable power plant with high gas price) makes the values of electricity produced but also net consumption with or without investment also decrease. The same decrease is registered for the Operational Costs with or without investment.

Investment specifications				
Element	Price	Size		
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ²	
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW	
	Total for processes	0.00 €		
	Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
		Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
Biochar storage		0.00 €	0.0000 kg	
Water storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Oxygen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Hydrogen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Carbon dioxide storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Methane storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Total for storages	0.00 €			
Connective infrastructure	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h	
	Total for connections	0.00 €		
Total investment	0.00 €			
Payoff period	n/a	years		

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
	Water	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		0.00 €	
Total operational cost with investment		0.00 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		0.00 €	

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Fig. 6 Results for GF with higher prices of methane and no subsidy

For the Greenfield investment it is the same case as figure 3 – it is not viable.

2.3 RESULTS WITH SUBSIDIES

In Figures 7 to 12, results for the cases with subsidies are depicted. Although subsidies are considered, with conservative prices of methane there is no economical reason of any investment in biomethane production as it is shown in Figures 7 to 9.

Investment specifications			
	Element	Price	Size
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	20,684,119.77 €	1,969,816 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	6,289,108.75 €	0,628,911 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	3,823,142.37 €	0,449,781 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	525,510.53 €	1,051,021 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	6,391,989.01 €	1,826,283 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	11,926,013.75 €	9,540.81 kW
	Deminerlizer	415,930.23 €	48,782,340 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	1,000.00 €	1,000.00 m ³
	Methanation reactor	4,157,043.70 €	25,581,807 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	859,466.27 €	17,189,3254 kW
	Total for processes	55,073,326.37 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	544,378.87 €	108,875,7748 kg
	Wet biomass storage	116,438.36 €	46,575,3428 kg
	Biochar storage	658,382.86 €	87,785,6877 kg
	Water storage tank	78,700.98 €	7,870,097,7061 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	7,888.88 €	39,444,4007 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	1,190,884.76 €	1,401,040,8912 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	0.02 €	0,0515 mol
	Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0,0000 mol
Total for storages	2,596,684.52 €		
Connections enlargement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	2.85 €	2.85 m ³ /h
	Total for connections	2.85 €	
Total investment	57,670,013.74 €		
Payoff period	20.00 years		

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	9,331,335.62 €	7,500.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	9,331,335.62 €	7,500.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	13,308.42 €	13,047.47 kW
	Consumed by P2G	33,135,356.43 €	32,163.98 MWh
Heat	Net consumption with investment	37,482,461.13 €	39,663.98 MWh
	Peak power with investment	390,775.16 €	383,112.90 kW
	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by IP	0.00 €	612,479.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	612,479.00 MWh
Methane	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	-128,034.54 MWh
	Net production with investment	0.00 €	740,513.54 MWh
	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	5,470,465,600.00 €	4,841,120.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	5,470,465,600.00 €	4,841,120.00 MWh
Water	Produced by P2G	6,022,440.04 €	122,235.90 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	5,332,339,030.19 €	4,718,884.10 MWh
	Water consumed by P2G	26,235.67 €	24,750.63 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	1,377,000.00 €	55,500.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	548,000.00 €	17,000.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	91,418,308.70 €	1,828,366,173.94 kg
Total operational cost without investment	5,479,810,244.03 €		
Total operational cost with investment	5,463,581,810.84 €		
Savings with introduction of P2G	16,228,433.19 €		

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Fig. 7 Results for IP with conservative prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

In the scenario in which normal gas costs are stipulated, to which is added a subsidy of 50%, the Industrial Plant type investment is very profitable, the values being almost 10 times higher than in the case of figure 1.

Investment specifications			
	Element	Price	Size
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW
	Total for processes	0.00 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Biochar storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Water storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Total for storages	0.00 €		
Connections enlargement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h
	Total for connections	0.00 €	
Total investment	0.00 €		
Payoff period	n/a		years

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	6,038,037.50 €	12,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by IF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	-6,038,037.50 €	-12,000.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	-6,038,037.50 €	-12,000.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	8,000.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	8,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	8,000.00 MWh	
Methane	Produced by REP	-1,955,471.55 €	10,000.00 MWh
	Consumed by IF	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	1,955,471.55 €	-10,000.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net consumption with investment	1,955,471.55 €	-10,000.00 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		-4,082,565.96 €	
Total operational cost with investment		-4,082,565.96 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		0.00 €	

Fig. 8 Results for REP with conservative prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

The 50% grant in the case of REP amortizes the operating costs that are similar to those in Figure 2 where the scenario does not provide for a grant. There is also a higher electricity production and a higher consumption than in scenario 5 which translates into higher production.

Investment specifications				
Element	Price	Size		
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s	
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ²	
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s	
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW	
	Total for processes	0.00 €		
	Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
		Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
Biochar storage		0.00 €	0.0000 kg	
Water storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Drygen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Hydrogen storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Methane storage tank		0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Total for storages	0.00 €			
Connections and alignment	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW	
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h	
	Total for connections	0.00 €		
Total investment	0.00 €			
Payoff period	n/a	years		

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		0.00 €	
Total operational cost with investment		0.00 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		0.00 €	

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Fig. 9 Results for GF with conservative prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

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Investment specifications			
	Element	Price	Size
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	25,304,414.00 €	2,409,944 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	5,549,213.60 €	0,554,921 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	22,209,538.31 €	2,612,887 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	687,547.56 €	1,375,095 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0,000,000 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0,000,000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	443,091,509.70 €	354,478.21 kW
	Deminerizer	1,683,115.64 €	177,170,067 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	1,000.00 €	1,000.00 m ²
	Methanation reactor	47,325,765.91 €	291,235,483 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	3,492,511.76 €	89,850,2353 kW
	Total for processes	549,344,616.48 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0,0000 kg
	Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0,0000 kg
	Biochar storage	763,767.12 €	101,835,6104 kg
	Water storage tank	1,714,265.14 €	171,426,513,6548 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0,0000 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	0.00 €	0,0000 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	15,917,066.16 €	39,817,665,4033 mol
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0,0000 mol	
Total for storages	18,405,098.42 €		
Connections management	Electrical connection	166,975.14 €	667.90 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	11.52 €	11.52 m ³ /h
	Total for connections	166,986.65 €	
Total investment	567,916,701.55 €		
Payoff period	20.00 years		

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	2,565,495,205.48 €	2,062,000.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	2,565,495,205.48 €	2,062,000.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	3,658,927.29 €	3,587,183.61 kW
	Consumed by P2G	711,935,521.94 €	752,919.28 MWh
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	647,571.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	647,571.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	-81,008.81 MWh
	Net production with investment	0.00 €	728,579.81 MWh
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	13,882,175,818.03 €	10,845,682.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	13,882,175,818.03 €	10,845,682.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	41,053,377.05 €	688,661.70 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	13,000,847,376.92 €	10,157,020.30 MWh
Water	Water consumed by P2G	106,925.22 €	100,872.85 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	1,854,000.00 €	76,000.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	705,000.00 €	17,500.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		16,451,329,950.79 €	
Total operational cost with investment		16,292,611,932.19 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		158,718,018.60 €	

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Fig. 10 Results for IP with higher prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

Although in the scenario in figure 10 the gas prices are higher, the 50% subsidy makes this type of investment profitable even more profitable than in the first scenario (Average gas price and no subsidy)

Investment specifications			
Element	Price	Size	
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Deminerlizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ²
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW
	Total for processes	0.00 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Biochar storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Water storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Total for storages	0.00 €		
Connections and equipment	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h
	Total for connection	0.00 €	
Total investment	0.00 €		
Payoff period	n/a	years	

Operational costs for selected period			
		Price	Amount
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	3,119,652.71 €	8,200.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	-3,119,652.71 €	-8,200.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	-3,119,652.71 €	-8,200.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment		-3,119,652.71 €	
Total operational cost with investment		-3,119,652.71 €	
Savings with introduction of P2G		0.00 €	

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Fig. 11 Results for REP with higher prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

In the case of REP, the trend is maintained, the 50% subsidy amortizing the values from the previous scenarios.

Investment specifications			
Element	Price	Size	
Processes	Dry anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet anaerobic digester	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Dry biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Wet biomass to biochar plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Biogas separator	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Gasification + water gas shift plant	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Combined heat and power (CHP)	0.00 €	0.000000 kg/s
	Carbon capture plant	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Electrolyser	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Demineralizer	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Precipitation collector	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
	Methanation reactor	0.00 €	0.000000 mol/s
	Heat exchanger	0.00 €	0.0000 kW
	Total for processes	0.00 €	
Storages	Dry biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Wet biomass storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Biochar storage	0.00 €	0.0000 kg
	Water storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Oxygen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Hydrogen storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
	Carbon dioxide storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol
Methane storage tank	0.00 €	0.0000 mol	
Total for storages	0.00 €		
Connections/enlargement	Electrical connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Gas connection	0.00 €	0.00 MW
	Water connection	0.00 €	0.00 m ³ /h
	Total for connections	0.00 €	
Total investment	0.00 €		
Payoff period	n/a	years	

Operational costs for selected period			
	Price	Amount	
Electrical energy	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Peak power without investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Peak power with investment	0.00 €	0.00 kW	
Heat	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net production without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net production with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Methane	Produced by REP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Consumed by IP	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Net consumption without investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
	Produced by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 MWh
Net consumption with investment	0.00 €	0.00 MWh	
Water	Water consumed by P2G	0.00 €	0.00 m ³
Inputs	Dry biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Wet biomass bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Biochar bought	0.00 €	0.00 t
Outputs	Biochar sold	0.00 €	0.00 t
	Hydrogen solid	0.00 €	0.00 t
	CO2 emitted	0.00 €	0.00 kg
Total operational cost without investment	0.00 €		
Total operational cost with investment	0.00 €		
Savings with introduction of P2G	0.00 €		

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Fig. 12 GF with higher prices of methane and subsidy of 50%

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3. CONCLUSIONS

Regarding Romania, it turns out that the most profitable Power to gas hubs can be linked to Industrial Plants, where investments are viable and durable.

In the case of Renewable Energy Plant, as mentioned above, the negative values in terms of energy consumption with or without investment can be translated as production, however they are not economically viable, just as is the case with investments. Greenfield type in this field.

However, it is shown that these values may fluctuate depending on the price of methane gas or depending on the existence of a certain subsidy and its percentage / value, for this type of investment.

The existence and the percentage of the subsidy can make the difference and prove to be mathematically, economically more important than the fluctuation of the gas price.

P2G investments are not sustainable in all scenarios.

Taking into account the biomass deposits in Romania, the most profitable areas to invest in biomass are the region of Moldova in the northeast of the country but also Muntenia (Calarasi county) and Constanta county in Dobrogea region, where most biomass is agricultural. The center of the country, Transylvania, is not a bad investment option either, where the biomass is mixed, coming from various sources such as livestock, fruit and forest biomass.

Thus, it is noted that the investments in the P2G field are variable, they are not economically viable in each case and they depend a lot on the price of gas, on the biomass capacity. However, an investment can tip the economic balance in a positive way, even if it would not be 50% as in the presented scenarios, but it would be smaller.