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**Purchasing biomethane 2/2**   
**Operational management,  
declarations and taxation**

Are you seeking to purchase biomethane injected by producers into the natural gas distribution and/or transmission networks from the producers? This information sheet provides a point-by-point explanation of the entire operational management process, from the molecule's injection to its use, as well as details of the retrospective declarations to be completed. ~~and specific taxation.~~

Another information sheet available from our [website](#) describes the prerequisites for purchasing biomethane:

- [Purchasing biomethane 1/2 – Prerequisites](#)

### Operational management

Operationally speaking, once injected into the distribution or transmission network, biomethane is not treated any differently from imported natural gas: network operators count it as a positive entry in your balance for the TRF in the same way as imported natural gas. You can therefore inject it directly into a storage facility, sell it to the PEG (virtual trading point) or supply it to a consumer customer in your portfolio (in the latter case via downstream capacities following the usual procedure).

### For biomethane injected into the distribution network

No capacity subscription is necessary, either for injection into the distribution network or at the interface between distribution and transmission. Simply check the joint declaration on the Trans@ctions portal to enable automatic data transfer between the distribution and transmission network.

To find out more, consult the information sheet "[Find out more about capacity subscriptions at Transmission/Distribution Interface Points](#)".

Nomination is not necessary: your allocation equals the quantity measured at the site: since the complete data is only known the following morning, make sure you allow for it in order to avoid creating excessive imbalances in your portfolio.

### For biomethane injected into the transmission network

You must subscribe to annual capacity at the injection site for a period corresponding to the duration of the purchase contract concluded with the producer using the Trans@ctions portal.

According to the pricing decision published by the Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) for the period of April<sup>1st</sup> 2021 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022, this injection capacity is free of charge.

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## Declarations and taxation

### Declare the quantity injected to the Guarantee of Origin Operator

The Guarantee of Origin Register Operator ensures that the biomethane molecule is traceable from production to use.

After the supply date, you must declare the quantity produced to the GO Operator: <https://gobiomethane.grdf.fr/Default.aspx>

For contracts signed after November 2020:

The Generator is responsible for declaring the quantity produced to the GO Manager. The ownership of the guarantee of origin is transferred to the State.

You can acquire these GOs at auctions organised by the State.

### Declare the biomethane quantity sold and used to the Guarantee of Origin Operator

Once the biomethane molecule has been used by the end consumer (at most 12 24 months after production), you must declare the sale to the GO Operator for it to be erased.

### Declare the quantity injected to the CRE

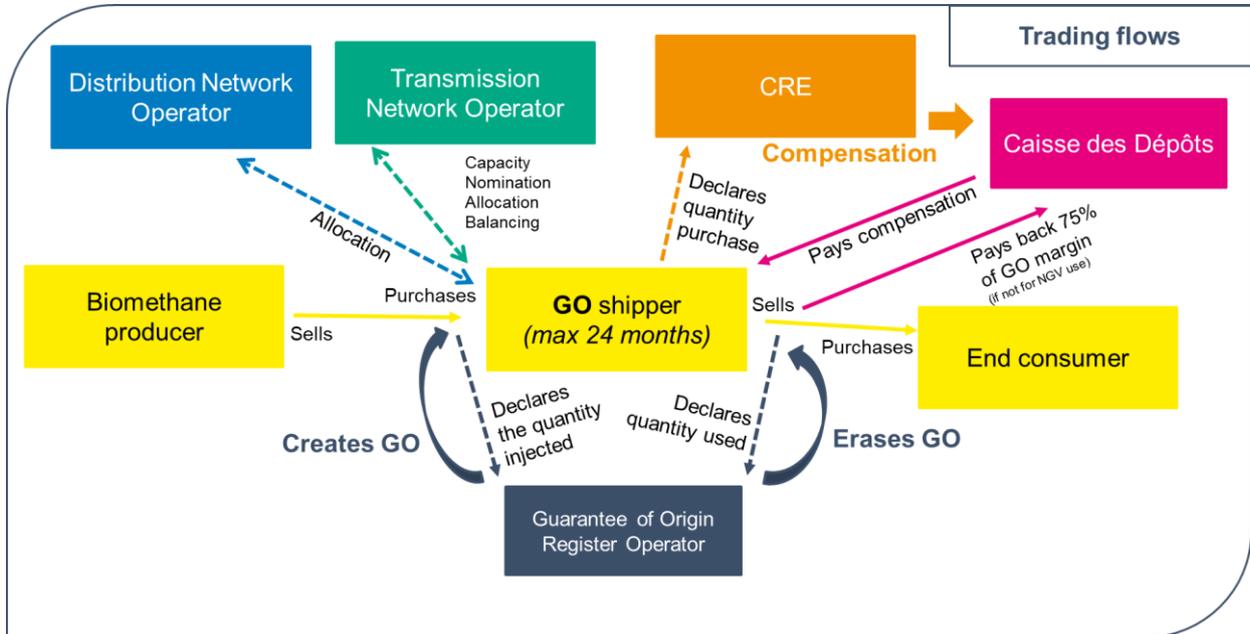
Biomethane is purchased at a guaranteed price, and resold at a negotiated price (in most cases lower than the first price). To calculate the financial compensation due to you, you must report any purchased quantity to the CRE every year.

### Pay 75% of the value of the Guarantee of Origin to the Caisse des Dépôts (French Deposits and Consignments Fund)

For purchase contracts signed before November 2020, as the owner of the Guarantee of Origin and responsible for its marketing, you must pay 75% of the value of the GO (the difference between the market price of natural gas and the price negotiated with your end-user customer) to the Caisse des Dépôts, **unless the biomethane was used for transport.**

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