



The Advanced Biofuels Sector concerned by the EU Climate and Energy Package

The advanced biofuel sector is committed to heavily invest in Europe, create jobs and bring significant environmental benefits, if regulation enables

The Leaders of Sustainable Biofuels (LSB) are deeply concerned about the future for advanced biofuels in Europe. The European Commission just released the White Paper on European Energy & Climate policy up to 2030. Here Europe, the world leader in CO₂ emission reduction and renewable energies so far, turns back in terms of ambition and measures.

The absence of a binding target for sustainable transports is certainly a threat to the whole sector and represent a missing opportunity.

Between 1990 and 2010 the share of CO₂ emission from transports grew from 20.5 to 28.8% of the total CO₂ emissions in EU 27, despite an increase in fuel efficiency, as indicated by the statistics of the European Environment Agency in 2012. The European Union will not meet its CO₂ reduction goals without pursuing a strong action on transports, including biofuels.

Not only.

Europe will deprive itself of new investments and jobs in advanced biofuels for which a long term, stable policy framework is a prerequisite. Europe should set a binding target for sustainable transports, and a dedicated sub-target for advanced biofuels, combined with the GHG emission reduction goal, to ensure that future growth in the EU biofuels market comes from the best performing biofuels.

If Europe does not manage to give these clear and long-term signals, investments in advanced biofuels will move to other regions outside of Europe where framework conditions are more favourable.

EU Member States will lose precious opportunities for creating new jobs, promoting EU-based industrial development in a very innovative field, and creating supplementary value especially in rural areas and agriculture, in addition to reducing EU greenhouse gas emissions.

We believe that this contradicts the many ambitions and European policies that aim to promote job creation through the deployment of sustainable innovative EU technologies and to harvest the fruits of both public and private significant investments in R&D.



The Leaders of Sustainable Biofuels

The LSB is a group composed by the Chief Executive Officers of Leading European biofuel producers and European airlines. The initiative aims at supporting the development of second generation biofuels in Europe. The leaders of Clariant, British Airways, Biochemtex, BTG, Chemrec, Dong Energy, Forest BtL Oy, St1 Biofuels Oy and UPM and are joining forces to ensure the market uptake of advanced sustainable biofuels by all transport sectors.

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