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European ethanol sets new high level for greenhouse gas savings

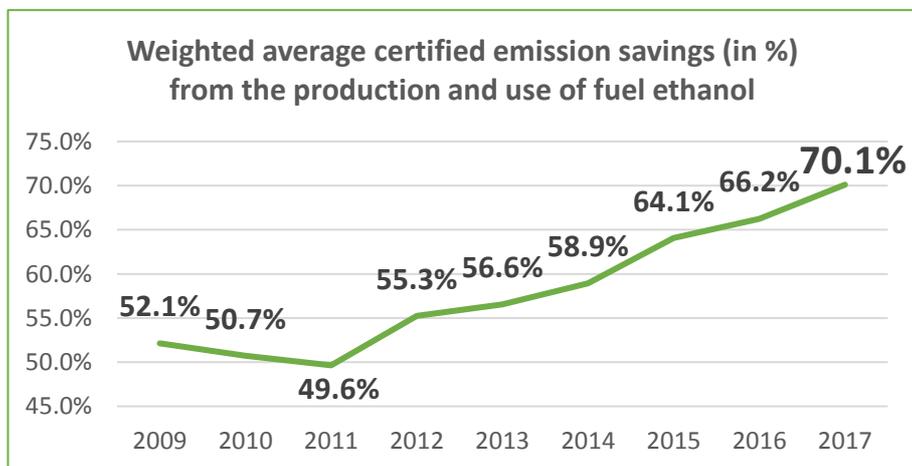
According to latest certified producer data, ethanol production and use scored more than 70% average savings over fossil fuels in 2017 – yet another increase in ethanol's EU decarbonisation performance

BRUSSELS, 20 June 2018 – European renewable ethanol delivered an average of more than 70% greenhouse-gas savings compared to fossil fuels in 2017, according to new certified data from European ethanol producers.

The number represents the latest of a string of annual increases in the climate-change-fighting potential of European ethanol, which has shown improved performance every year since 2011.

“For the sixth year in a row, European renewable ethanol has increased its climate-change-fighting performance,” said Emmanuel Desplechin, Secretary General of ePURE, the European renewable ethanol association. *“The new data confirm that ethanol produced from European crops and from waste and residues are among the most sustainable solutions the EU has to decarbonise transport. As policymakers look at how to realise Europe’s clean mobility ambitions, they need to make sure ethanol is in the mix.”*

Ethanol produced by ePURE members is refined from European feedstock and works at scale in today’s vehicle fleets. According to a [new study](#) from Ricardo Energy & Environment, Europe’s push to decarbonise road transport would benefit significantly from the use of low-carbon fuels such as renewable ethanol, especially with a high percentage of cars with internal combustion engines still on Europe’s roads for decades.



The increased GHG-saving performance of European ethanol was also accompanied by increased production of animal feed (4.32 million tonnes in 2017, compared to 4.05 million tonnes in 2016) and of captured CO₂ (0.77 million tonnes in 2017, compared to 0.40 million tonnes in 2016). The findings are part

of a larger set of ethanol statistics from 2017 compiled from ePURE members and certified by auditing firm [Copartner](#), that will be published in September.

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About ePURE

The European renewable ethanol association (ePURE) represents the interests of European renewable ethanol producers to the European institutions, industry stakeholders, the media, academia and the general public. Based in Brussels, ePURE represents 34 member companies, with 43 production plants in 16 EU member states, accounting for about 85% of the installed renewable ethanol capacity in Europe. The organisation, established in 2010, promotes the beneficial uses of ethanol throughout Europe.