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European ethanol industry supports Council agreement on ILUC; seek closure of the dossier

Brussels, Today - Ahead of tomorrow's meeting of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council, the European ethanol sector, represented by the European renewable ethanol association (ePURE), calls on Energy Ministers to agree to the Presidency's compromise and allow the current reform of EU biofuels policy to move forward.

In June, European Energy Ministers supported a political agreement containing a cap on conventional biofuels of 7%, a non-binding target for advanced biofuels of 0.5%, ILUC emissions for reporting purposes, and measures to identify those biofuels that mitigate ILUC.

ePURE welcomes the Council's progress on this dossier, believing it to be a balanced compromise, albeit lacking in robust incentives for biofuels with better environmental performance. ePURE now calls on the European Parliament to strengthen the Council's proposal by promoting the best environmentally performing biofuels, safeguarding investments that have already been made, introducing binding rules for advanced biofuels, and elaborating ILUC mitigation measures.

The best way to incentivise biofuels with good environmental performance is to be to establish a separate target for renewable energy in petrol, as proposed in the Parliament's 1st reading position. A min. 7.5% renewables in petrol target would save 15 million tonnes of GHG emissions, help create 55,000 new jobs and replace 50 million barrels of imported oil, saving Europe's economy €4 billion annually.

"This is a crucial opportunity for MEPs to regain investor confidence by ensuring the current stalemate in EU biofuels policy does not drag on any further - investments are being stifled at a time when Europe needs jobs. It is time to close the debate, move forward and provide the clarity and certainty that will pull investments in the direction of the best biofuels", said Mr. Robert Wright, ePURE's Secretary General.

Please find out more about ePURE's position [here](#).

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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 58 member companies, with production plants in 16 member states, accounting for 90% of the installed renewable ethanol capacity in Europe. The organisation, established in 2010, promotes the beneficial uses of ethanol throughout Europe.