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16.30 - 19.00

A3E-2, ASP Building, European Parliament

BIOFUELS

the burning questions

A debate on the sustainability of European bioenergy policy



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16.30 Introduction by Fiona Hall MEP (ALDE) and Sirpa Pietikainen MEP (EPP)

16.45 Presentations: Bioenergy policies in a resource constrained world

Jerry Michael Melillo, Scientist and Co-Director of the Ecosystems Centre, Marine Biological Laboratory, US.

Indirect land use change impacts – Options for an adequate policy response.

Michael Obersteiner, Head of Terrestrial Ecosystem Modelling Group, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria.

Tortilla versus Greenfuels: Trade-offs and synergies in the Bioeconomy.

Tony Grayling, Head of Climate Change Department, UK Environment Agency.

Biomass: Carbon Sink or Carbon Sinner?

Astrid Agostini, Economist at Natural Resources, Environment, Climate Change and Bioenergy Division, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Social and environmental implications of biofuels policies in the developing world.

17.45 Panel discussion: How can we make EU bioenergy policy more sustainable?

Chair of the debate: Bas Eickhout, MEP (Greens/EFA)

Karl Falkenberg, Director General of DG Environment, European Commission

Timothy Searchinger, GMF Fellow and Research Scholar at Princeton University, US

Mark Avery, Director of Conservation, RSPB, UK

Íñigo Ascasíbar, Environmental Advisor to the Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU

Ian Backhouse, Vice chairman of the Biofuel Committee, European Farm Association (Copa-Cogeca)

18.45 Concluding remarks by Fiona Hall MEP (ALDE) and Sirpa Pietikainen MEP (EPP)

