

SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE ADVANCED BIOFUELS

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The above organisations call on the European Parliament and Council of Ministers to deliver a sustainable, lasting and stable policy framework for the biofuels industry without delay, and hence improve investment certainty, based on the principles below. This must be done urgently before the parliament elections in Spring 2014.

- The EU transport sector should be made more sustainable and lower in GHG emissions, primarily by improving energy efficiency and by reducing the carbon intensity of energy used in transport. There is a significant role in this transition for sustainably produced advanced biofuels.
- Considerable volumes of biofuel feedstock are available today from wastes and residues, such as municipal waste, industrial waste gases and residues from agriculture and forestry¹. The challenge is not availability or technology, but is the commercialization of processes to convert these feedstocks to biofuels.
- Correct lifecycle accounting of emissions should be the tool that under-pins the mitigation of CO₂ from transport fuels. This should apply equally to all types of energy used in transport, including biofuels and fossil fuels. The Fuel Quality Directive is the primary tool to reduce the carbon-intensity of transport fuels in 2020, and it should become increasingly ambitious beyond 2020.
- If strong safeguards are put in place to ensure ILUC impacts are avoided, energy crops can make a contribution to sustainable biofuels and other bio-based products in Europe. Production will also need to be based on sustainable land management practices that maintain local carbon balances and safeguard biodiversity, water resources and soil functionality.

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¹ – “Availability of cellulosic residues and wastes in the EU” Stefanie Searle and Chris Malins, International Council on Clean Transportation, draft in publication