



## Post 2020 Energy & climate package: Clear targets for advanced biofuels needed

Dear Minister,

We are contacting you because we are deeply concerned about the lack of energy and climate targets for the transport sector in the European Commission's White paper on the framework for EU's climate and energy policy 2020-2030. We are extremely concerned that the Commission wants to discontinue the Renewable Energy Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive. This clearly undermines the Commission's declared commitment to promote sustainable biofuels and to reduce transport GHG emissions by 60% by 2050.

We will be in a situation where we have targets for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport until the end of 2020 (including an on-going process to change the directives) but no targets after 2020. This will not only mean little development – if any – in climate friendly solutions for transport during the period 2020 to 2030. It also threatens to reduce investments in advanced biofuels prior to 2020.

This development is alarming considering the **large and growing share the transport sector has in the final energy consumption as well as the large CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the sector coupled with an increased dependency of the EU on imported fossil oil**. Together with efficiency improvements, sustainable biofuels have proved to be an effective way to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the transport sector. And this will continuously be the way forward if we are going to accomplish further reductions towards 2030 and beyond.

We urge you to consider the views of the **European Parliament who stressed in its own initiative the need for a specific framework for transport calling amongst others for "support for the development of advanced biofuels"**. European companies are world leaders in advanced biofuels technology, but the investments are now being made outside the EU where the 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.

**To avoid this innovation leakage the EU must now set a renewed and ambitious binding target for the use of truly sustainable renewable energy in the transport sector including a binding and specific target for advanced biofuels**. Your up-coming meeting of the Energy Ministers is an opportunity to send a clear signal to the Commission and market players that there is a political will to establish a stable and long-term vision for the use of advanced biofuels in Europe now and beyond 2020. We therefore call upon you to work towards an ambitious framework that will enable the EU to live up to its leadership in climate and energy policy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Koltermann', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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### **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, 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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