



European advanced biofuels industry meets with Members of the European Parliament and calls for action on ILUC

“Climate action, energy security, innovation and bioeconomy are all linked to the opportunities of sustainable biofuels”

Leaders of Sustainable Biofuels, an industry coalition to promote advanced biofuels, today met stakeholders at the European Parliament in Brussels to urge for a tough EU-wide sub-target for advanced biofuels in the context of ILUC directive.

Director Marie Donnelly from the European Commission DG Energy emphasized the role of biofuels: "The 40% target of greenhouse gas reduction cannot be achieved without a strong contribution from the transport sector – biofuels will be an essential part of this challenge”.

The key note speaker, Member of the European Parliament Nils Torvalds, rapporteur of the ILUC dossier at the European Parliament commented on the need to holistic and long-term approach: “We need to build a bridge from ILUC debate towards 2030 policy of reducing transport emissions. The industry needs long term security”.

“The industry feels this type of dialogue is essential. We feel there is too little understanding on the opportunities of advanced biofuels. Climate action, energy security and innovation are key topics in the EU today. We want to contribute to the debate by showing that advanced biofuels can play an integral part of Europe’s energy mix and our joint efforts to reduce transport emissions”, said Marko Janhunen, chair of LSB and Vice President at UPM Biorefining.

Hundreds of millions of euros has been spent in Europe on research to develop technologies for advanced biofuels. However, now that the time is ripe for commercialization of new technologies, the lack of regulatory certainty is holding back investment in these areas.“As the rest of the world is moving forward with investment, the US and China in particular, we are shooting ourselves in the foot by not creating the right conditions for investments to materialize”, Janhunen added.

“The European Parliament now has a great opportunity to move things forward. By promoting the sub-target for advanced biofuels and making it more binding, and also by ensuring that policy measures go beyond 2020, we trust that investor confidence can be gained”, Janhunen concludes.

LSB continues to engage with stakeholders and Members of the European Parliament in particular to promote the opportunities of advanced biofuels.

On behalf of the Leaders of Sustainable Biofuels

Marko Janhunen,

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Chair, LSB and Vice President, Stakeholder relations, UPM Biorefining



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 UPM, British Airways, Biochemtex, BTG, Chemrec, Clariant, Dong Energy and St1 Biofuels Oy are joining forces to ensure the market uptake of advanced sustainable biofuels by all transport sectors.

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