



Dear Minister,

We write to you because we are deeply concerned about the future for advanced biofuels in Europe. We understand that the Council of Ministers is about to decide that there will be no dedicated target for advanced biofuels, but only a 7% cap on food-based biofuels.

We have also understood that the remaining 3% can either completely – or almost entirely – be covered by electricity in rail transport (counted 2.5 times towards the target), by electric vehicles counted 5 times) and by bio-diesel based on used cooking oil or animal fat (double counted). It is thus obvious that there will be no market for truly sustainable and innovative advanced biofuels from now until 2020.

If that is going to be the end result, investments in advanced biofuels will move to other regions outside of Europe. EU Member States will lose precious opportunities for investing in 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 GreenHouseGas emissions.

We believe that this contradicts the many ambitions and European policies that aim to promote job creation through the deployment of sustainable innovative EU technologies and to harvest the fruits of both public and private significant investments in R&D.

We therefore ask you to reconsider your position in this very urgent question, and to support a clear and accelerated decision-making procedure that will be coherent with EU Directives in the field of sustainability and renewable energies, favour environmental and socio-economic development, and decide on a target for advanced biofuels in due time before the European Parliament elections in May 2014.

As EU industries and investors, we call upon you to send us a clear signal that Europe wishes to see sustainable advanced biofuels as part of the transport fuel mix before 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have questions or need further information.

Kind regards,

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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, Forest BtL Oy, 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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