



ePURE calls for a separate Target for Renewable Ethanol in Petrol **Sustainable and Renewable ethanol made in Europe for Europe**

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Brussels, 12 March 2013 – The European Renewable Ethanol Association (ePURE) today presented its position on the Commission proposal for a directive amending the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) and the directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (RED).

ePURE believes that European policy-makers have an opportunity to pursue a positive agenda for growth and jobs in Europe's low carbon bio-economy. To build and maintain investor confidence, the EU should set GHG emissions reduction targets beyond 2020 (at least until 2030) and clearly indicate that future growth in the biofuels market should come from the best performing biofuels in terms of GHG performance. Conventional and advanced renewable ethanol will play a crucial role in achieving real GHG emissions reductions in the transport sector in the EU.

"We support the EU's ambition for the use of biofuels in transport and call for a target of 8% conventional renewable ethanol in petrol, which would ensure diversity of supply of renewable transport fuels the EU needs," says Mr. Rob Vierhout, Secretary General of ePURE.

Mr. Vierhout went on to say that "ePURE is asking for a target of at least 2% for advanced biofuels. Such a target combined with a longer-term perspective of the EU's climate policy will provide investors and innovators with clarity and a guaranteed market, which is necessary given the high level of investment needed.

Homegrown European ethanol made from cereals and sugar adds approximately as much food into the food chain as it withdraws. Moreover, it has been scientifically demonstrated that EU-produced ethanol does not reduce the global land area available for food production. For all these reasons, any cap on EU-produced conventional renewable ethanol cannot be justified by food versus fuel arguments.

ePURE welcomes the Commission's proposal to continue to improve the analysis on ILUC and arrive at a minimum of scientific consensus on the model to be used. To date the analysis on ILUC merely confirms that ethanol makes a strong contribution to the decarbonisation of road transport.

"Renewable ethanol is grown in Europe, made in Europe and good for Europe" explained Mr. Vierhout.

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ePURE represents the interests of European renewable ethanol producers to the European Institutions, industry stakeholders, the media, academia and the general public. Based in Brussels, ePURE represents 53 member companies throughout 17 member states, accounting for 90% of the installed renewable ethanol production capacity in Europe. The organization, established in 2010, promotes the beneficial uses of ethanol throughout Europe.