

PRESS RELEASE

EU renewable ethanol sets new greenhouse-gas reduction record, confirming status as sustainable fuel for transport de-fossilisation

- *EU renewable ethanol reduced GHG emissions by 81.6% compared to fossil fuel in 2025, according to the latest certified data*
- *EU ethanol biorefineries produced more food and feed than fuel*

BRUSSELS, 4 June 2026 – Production and use of renewable ethanol from ePURE members and other EU producers **reduced greenhouse-gas emissions by an average of nearly 82% compared to fossil fuels in 2025**, according to newly certified data.

This record-high sustainability score for renewable ethanol represents a **16-year trend of European renewable ethanol approaching carbon-neutrality**. It also confirms the importance of ethanol as a replacement for fossil fuel in the petrol and hybrid cars that Europeans continue to prefer.

“The EU’s need to reduce its dependence on foreign oil has never been more urgent, and these new audited figures confirm that renewable ethanol has an important role to play,” said Craig Winneker, Acting Secretary General of ePURE, the European renewable ethanol association.

“The data also show yet again that EU renewable ethanol production creates important co-products, including food, feed and biogenic CO₂ to replace fossil CO₂ in industrial applications. The tired old ‘food vs fuel’ myth is not just wrong, it’s counterproductive to achieving EU goals for climate change mitigation, energy independence, food security, and agricultural competitiveness.”

The high GHG saving performance of EU ethanol was accompanied by significant production of food and feed co-products (6.6 million tonnes of commercial product) and of captured biogenic CO₂ (1.2 million tonnes) – more ways in which ethanol production contributes to EU food security and offsets fossil resources.

Weighted average certified GHG emission savings in % (RED I & II)



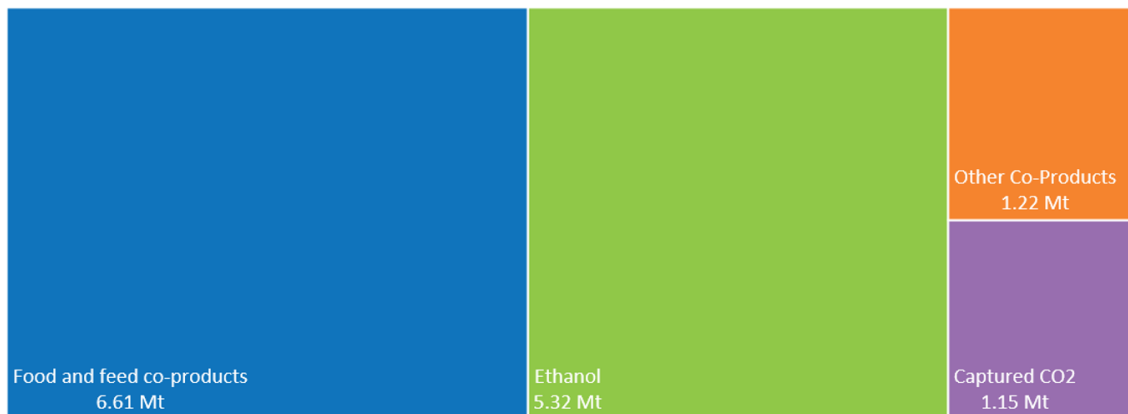
Once again, **European bioethanol refineries produced more food and feed co-products than renewable ethanol – more food than fuel.**

The 2025 findings were compiled from ePURE members and other EU producers and certified by auditing firm [Copartner](#).

ePURE's membership includes 20 producing companies with around 50 refineries across the EU and UK, accounting for about 85% of EU renewable ethanol production.

Main output of European renewable ethanol plants

(Million tonnes, commercial output)



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