

# Press Release



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## ***eBIO welcomes binding minimum biofuels target for 2020***

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The announcement made by the Commission in its communication “An Energy Policy for Europe” to reinforce the Biofuels Directive (2003/30/EC) by proposing a binding minimum share 10% of biofuels out of the total consumption of petrol and diesel in the transport sector by 2020, is a positive signal for policymakers and for citizens in the European Union that are concerned about meeting Kyoto targets.

The Commission has clearly understood that a mandatory use of biofuels is the best way forward to reduce GHG emissions in the transport sector as well as our heavy dependency on imported fossil fuels.

It is now up to the Member States and to the European Parliament to fully endorse the views of the Commission.

The EU bioethanol fuel industry is encouraged by the initiative taken by the Commission. If European legislators would embrace the policy as proposed, we will see in the coming years throughout the European Union a strong investment growth in building new production capacity and increased research efforts to develop more efficient second generation biofuels. These new investments will create a solid industrial base in biofuels, generate employment and offer new opportunities for the agricultural sector.

*In 2005 the EU produced around 915 million litres of bioethanol and consumed around 1 200 million litres.*

*eBIO is a non-profit European industry association under Belgium law. It is fostering bioethanol fuel production and use in the EU as well as advocating the proper legal and regulatory framework. eBIO was Founded in May 2005 and has 32 members.*

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