

EBB Press Release

**New biased anti-biodiesel campaign
set up by Green Communication Group T&E**



A surprisingly biased anti-biodiesel campaign has been set-up by T&E: the green Brussels based communication group seem now decided to lobby against biodiesel and in favour of fossil fuels (that seems to be their solution for decarbonisation) or in favour of algae based inexistent biofuels (whose cost is today of 1000€/kg and whose real outlet are nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals).

"We are surprised about the fact that T&E focus on unreliable studies such as Globiom, but ignore the study on ILUC done by CARB (the research body that recently unveiled the Volkswagen affair), which identified biodiesel as the best performing GHG biofuel. T&E even ignores studies highlighting the extremely bad GHG performances of algae theoretical fuels, that they would like to substitute to biodiesel." Said Mr. Raffaello Garofalo, Secretary General of the EBB.

The CARB ILUC model is an open and peer-reviewed process, which resulted in ILUC values for biodiesel four to five times lower than those found by the GLOBIOM study. The ILUC values put forward in CARB's based new US California legislation define biodiesel as the most sustainable liquid fuel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from 50% to 81% on average compared with petroleum ⁽¹⁾.

The GLOBIOM study was indeed funded by the European Commission, but does not represent the views of the Commission. In fact, the Commission is well aware of the doubts and reservations over the academic value and scientific reliability on the study (see [EBB, EOA and Fediol press release of March 14th](#)), and even acknowledged it in a [letter](#), saying that a "scientific peer review of the study would be desirable".

By ignoring the lack of credibility of the GLOBIOM modelling, and calling for a 0% cap on first-generation biofuels after 2020, T&E is actually advocating for more fossil fuels in road transport. They do not provide a constructive solution for the decarbonisation of transport (in particular for sectors like Heavy Duty Vehicles and aviation, where electrification is not an option), and neglect the fact that, in most cases, the companies investing in advanced biofuels are also those with strong investments in first-generation sustainable biofuels.

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*The **European Biodiesel Board (EBB)** is a non-profit organisation established in January 1997. Today, EBB gathers 60 members across 21 Member-States, which represents 75% of the European output. Biodiesel is the main European solution to reduce emissions from transport and dependence on imported oil. EBB aims to promote the use of biodiesel in the European Union and is committed to fulfil International standards for sustainability in GHG emissions and sustainable feedstock. EBB is constantly working towards the development of improved and greener technologies.*

¹ See page 60 in the new Low Carbon Fuels Standard. The regulation affirms that, depending on its feedstock, biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions from 50% to 81% on average compared with petroleum.