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Biodiesel Industry welcomes outcome of Energy Council and suggests that sound methodology should be used in renewable energy policy



The European biodiesel industry, representing the major alternative to fossil fuels in European transport, supports Member-States concerns that this proposal does not foster past and future investments made by the sector. Doubts on the so-called compromise clearly indicate that reliance on ungrounded science based on young economic modelling is not appropriate for sound policy-making.

Today, the Energy Council to the European Union rejected the proposed Presidency political agreement amending the Renewable Energy and Fuel Quality Directives. During the debate, numerous Member States expressed their concerns on the fragile compromise on Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) presented by the Lithuanian Presidency.

"The rejection of the Lithuanian proposal indicates explicitly that ILUC science is far from being consensual. EBB welcomes the outcome of the Energy Council as an opportunity to rely on sound facts in this complex file. Further work is indeed for assessing the true positive impacts of our sector in terms of energy security, rural development, and decarbonisation of transport" says, Raffaello Garofalo, EBB Secretary General.

EBB calls for deeper understanding of biodiesel production in view of reaching an accurate and balanced compromise among EU institutions. *"Biodiesel facilities have demonstrated their sustainability, complying with strict mandatory criteria, ungrounded science would undermine in an unjustified way the positive outcome of our sector"* concludes Garofalo.