

EBB Press Release

ILUC damages to EU economy risk to increase after today's radical vote



Today the MEPs of the ENVI Committee have approved with a limited majority Nils Torvalds' radical position on biofuels. The result of this vote shows that the European Parliament is backing an extremely negative position on biofuels, making fossil diesel and gasoline the real winner.

"Today's approval of radical Torvald's position against any biofuels compromise is a bad news for Europe" said Raffaello Garofalo Secretary General of EBB, who added "it brings the unreasonable ILUC fight one step forward in an escalation where the losers are European citizens and the winner is fossil petrol".

All the direct advantages linked to European made biofuels risk to be lost and a whole EU economic sector risks to disappear if anti-biofuel radical Crusaders will force their extreme arguments amid a more and more confused fight.

"In its symbolic fight the Parliament voluntarily ignored recent international ISO evidence that ILUC figures are completely unreliable. We trust Member States to re-establish as a priority the interest of EU citizens to benefit of all the advantages coming from EU made biodiesel", Mr. Garofalo also said. A future with ILUC factors and without biodiesel will drive to huge losses in terms of EU jobs and economic activity, GHG emission abatement, security of energy supply and reduced vegetable proteins deficit.

Since today's radical vote made any compromise less and less reachable, it is probably time to decide what will be more beneficial for EU citizens: if a confused and disruptive ILUC legislation or a long term positive support to sustainable EU biodiesel as an alternative to fossil fuels GHGs and massive diesel imports from Russia.

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European Biodiesel Board (EBB) is a non-profit organisation established in January 1997. Today, EBB gathers nearly 80 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.