

EBB Press Release

**Facts and common sense lacking from
deliberate T&E anti-biodiesel campaign**



T&E continues its anti-biodiesel campaign: green Brussels based communication group continues decided to lobby against biodiesel production and *de facto* in favour of fossil diesel market expansion. It is clear that T&E's goal is to stop all biodiesel production in Europe. Should this happen, T&E is well aware that an extra 12 million tonnes of extra marginal supply of fossil diesel - most of which from unconventional oil sources - would be necessary to supply the European diesel market.

While T&E is attacking the EU biodiesel industry on palm oil, it is puzzling that it simply forgets EU biodiesel efforts to ensure that palm oil is fully sustainable and to avoid by all means untraceable imports of palm based biodiesel into Europe. In 2014, the EBB, representing the European Biodiesel industry, lodged an international case against palm oil based biodiesel and succeeded in blocking massive imports of above 1 million tonnes/year of palm based biodiesel from Indonesia. T&E deliberately neglects this, as well as the important legal cases currently ongoing in the EU Court of Justice and a WTO panel, where the European biodiesel industry is active against the Indonesian government to avoid that massive unfair palm oil biodiesel volumes are exported in the next years towards Europe. Sadly, in the frame of this legal fight, the EU biodiesel industry did not receive any form of support from green NGOs nor from communication group T&E, which today claims against the EU industry because of palm oil.

*"The European biodiesel industry is committed to use sustainable sourced feedstocks. T&E seems to forget that the **EU biodiesel sector is a world example in terms of sustainability certification** and deliberately neglects **that all EU biodiesel is certified and sustainable and that currently more than 1 million tonnes of biodiesel come from waste and residues, which delivers GHG emissions savings up to 85-90%**. T&E campaign is targeted to make this EU green industrial excellence submerged again by a fossil diesel victory"* said Mr. Raffaello Garofalo, Secretary General of the EBB.

*"The new German legislation on decarbonisation recognises that **GHG emissions savings are above 60% for 1st generation biodiesel**. Such German figures are based on actual specific measuring, and show how the EU biodiesel industry is delivering considerable progress in GHG emissions savings. Once again the reality is far away from the deliberate biased anti-biodiesel campaign set up with huge budgets by Green Communication Group T&E",* concluded Mr Garofalo.

It should also be noted that the figures provided by T&E not only have never been published by Fediol – contrary to what T&E writes – but also seem to be quite unreliable, being not in line with (really) published figures from other reliable market observers.

Also repeatedly, T&E continues to extract more and more biased conclusions from the GLOBIOM study. As such, it should be reaffirmed that this study does not represent the views of the Commission. As mentioned in the EBB, EOA and FEDIOL [press release](#) of March 14th, **the Commission is well aware of the doubts and**

reservations over the low academic value and scientific reliability of the GLOBIOM study, and even acknowledged that in a [letter](#), recognising that "if the Globiom model structure cannot fully be disclosed, such a review cannot meet the quality standards set by academic rules" and that a "scientific peer review of the study would be desirable".

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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.*