

Sustainable European Biodiesel for Climate Neutral Mobility

Wednesday, 27 October | 15:30 - 18:00

Sofitel Brussels Europe, Place Jourdan

Transport is the recalcitrant stepchild of European decarbonisation. EU transport emissions have soared while those in other areas have fallen, increasing almost one-third since 1990. Most of this is from road transport, but with electrification offering a path to zero tailpipe emission personal vehicles, the focus has expanded to transport that is harder to decarbonise.

The recently released "Fit for 55" Package proposes replacing the energy target with a greenhouse gas intensity (GHGi) reduction target of 13%. This is accompanied by sector-specific EU regulations requiring the use of renewable and low-carbon fuel (RLF) in aviation and maritime transport. With legislation also targeting the price and infrastructure of RLFs in Europe, the ambition is laudable. Will it be enough?

Electrification will play a vital role in reducing transport emissions, but a stool cannot stand on one leg.

The varied needs of different transport modes will require equally varied ways of decarbonisation. Sustainable biodiesel is a multitool, able to quickly decarbonise a wide array of hard-to-decarbonise sectors.

With uses in road freight, aviation, and maritime transport, it is also a pillar of the EU's circular bioeconomy, supporting European vegetable protein production while providing valuable feedstock to a range of industries.

The event will feature high-profile speakers from EU institutions and Europe's fuel, agri-food, and transport industries, who aim to engage in a constructive dialogue with European Biodiesel producers. The event will be held in a dynamic in-person format, constrained by health and safety regulations that limit on-stage numbers. Audience participation is welcomed, although in-person attendance will be limited.

Agenda

Introduction - 15:30 to 16:00

Opening statement by **Kristell Guizouarn**, President of the EBB-European Biodiesel Board

Presentation of the EBB Roadmap to 2030 and 2050 by **Carlo Hamelinck**, studio Gear Up

Keynote speech by **Henna Virkkunen**, Member of the European Parliament, Finland, EPP, ITRE & TRAN

Roundtable Discussion - 16:00 to 18:00 (Coffee break at 17:00)

The roundtable discussion is moderated by **Xavier Noyon**, EBB Secretary General

EU
Institutions

- **Henna Virkkunen**, Member of the European Parliament, Finland, EPP, ITRE and TRAN
- **Axel Volkery**, Deputy-Head of Unit Sustainable and Intelligent Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission
- **Bernd Kuepker**, Policy Officer Decarbonisation and Sustainability of Energy Sources, DG ENER European Commission

Transport sector, fuels
and biofuels value chain

- **Sigrid de Vries**, Secretary General, CLEPA, European Association of Automotive Suppliers
- **Nathalie Lecocq**, Director General, FEDIOL, EU vegetable oil and protein meal industry association
- **John Cooper**, Director General, Fuels Europe
- **Raluca Marian**, General Permanent Delegate to the EU, IRU, International Road Union
- **Emmanuel Desplechin**, Secretary General, ePURE, European renewable ethanol industry
- **Sotiris Raptis**, Acting Secretary General / Director Maritime Safety and Environment, ECSA
- **Thomas Reynaert**, Managing Director, A4E, Airlines for Europe
- **Gilles Dryancour**, Chairmain of the Strategy Committee of CEMA, Vice-President Corporate Affairs John Deere

European
Biodiesel
Producers

- **Myriam Gourmand-Arnaud**, Head of Renewable fuels and prospective, Total Energies, EBB Board Member
- **Christophe Beaunoir**, Director General of SAIPOL, Groupe Avril, EBB Member
- **Alexis Cazin**, Managing Director Environmental Markets, Cargill, EBB Vice-President

Conclusion

Concluding remarks by **Xavier Noyon**, EBB Secretary General