

# EBTP recommendations on the iLUC directive. How to improve the proposal.



### Main changes in the RED and FQD directives

- Incorporation of biofuels produced from food crops would be limited,
- Reporting of indirect land use changes,
- Strengthening of sustainability criteria (60 % GHG savings for all new plants),
- Additional support for biofuels produced from non-food feedstocks by weighting differently their contribution towards the 10 % renewable energy target.

## **EBTP** general view

Stakeholders of EBTP understand the EC proposal reflects a political compromise within the European Commission and welcome the additional attention to advanced biofuels. They also consider that:

- designing a strategic, long term vision for biofuels contribution to energy security, innovation and employment (for 2020 and beyond) should be a prerequisite to any evolution of biofuels policy. Local availability of biomass (taking into account other use of biomass), maturity and potential of technologies, and compatibility with European energy pattern are key.
- existing biofuels industry shall be preserved from adverse policy shifts.
- significant adjustments to the proposal are required to deliver the expected industrialization of advanced biofuels pathways,



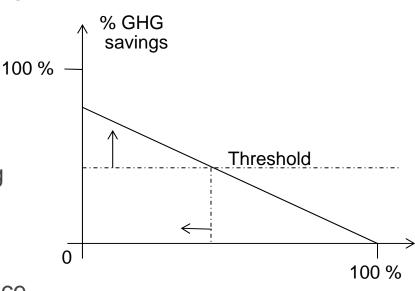
#### **Recommendations 1**

#### Keep a balanced approach on iLUC and sustainability

- iLUC factors shall not distort the biofuels contribution to energy security (singularity of European fuel market),
- Setting always more stringent GHG savings might not deliver the expected results.

#### Capitalize on conventional biofuels

- set limitations on blending mandates more compatible with existing production / blending levels in all EU member states.
- grandfather existing production (according to historical production pattern),
- allow units to retrofit their production to produce new, advanced molecules.



Cumulated amount of biomass eligible for conversion into biofuels



# Guess who will win the competition?





#### **Recommendations 2**

#### A fair, inclusive promotion of advanced biofuels pathways

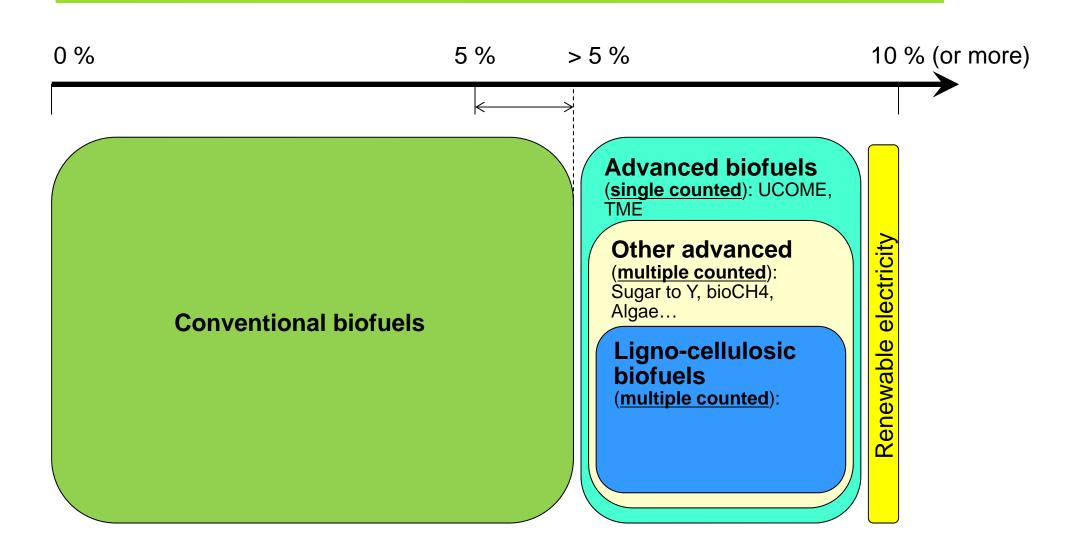
- Need of a proportionate approach.
  - ✓ Mature technologies (esterification of used cooking oil or tallow), should be phased out of the double counting support.
  - ✓ The extra incentive in the form of multiple counting should target innovative technologies with a high implementation potential.
  - ✓ Setting subtargets for advanced biofuels / ligno-cellulosic biofuels would bring better market perspectives for investors.
- Implementation measures to incentivise advanced biofuels shall be designed to avoid fraud and bring transparency to investors (tender / register).

#### Innovation in white biotechnologies should be preserved:

- Innovation in white biotechnologies is an important stake for Europe. Biofuels
  policies accelerate innovation in this sector with multiple positive collateral effects.
- Sugar crops are strategic feedstock for biotechnologies and a bridge to cellulosic sugar. Sugar to diesel technologies can contribute to the diversification of feedstock supply. Sugar to Y pathways should thus be included in an advanced biofuels sub-target.



#### A new architecture for biofuel mandates





#### Conclusion

- 1. An urgent need to develop a long term, shared, strategic vision for biofuels contribution in Europe, then a stable, long term regulatory framework.
- 2. Set achievable targets for 2020 and for post 2020.
- 3. Design support measures to advanced biofuels (mandates, multiple counting).

#### An insight into other useful EBTP's contributions:

- Detailed recommendations for the improvement of the iLUC directive draft (will be published soon on EBTP's website).
- A biofuels policy toolkit (including detailed views on multiple counting mechanism)
   <a href="http://www.biofuelstp.eu/policy/policy-toolkit-ebtp-06-10-2011.pdf">http://www.biofuelstp.eu/policy/policy-toolkit-ebtp-06-10-2011.pdf</a>
- A contribution to the iLUC debate
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- Strategic research agenda (including list of advanced biofuels pathways with highest industrialization potential)
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