The European Biofuels Technology Platform:
The consultation process and its impact on SRA/SDD

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Biofuels Technology Platform: Stakeholder involvement

- Farmers
- Forestry industry
- Car & truck manufacturers
- Research institutes
- Universities
- Biofuel producers
- Fossil fuel producers & distributors
- Industry (sugar, paper)
- Biomass associations
• Five Working Groups
  – 15 - 20 experts per WG; three meetings each plus numerous e-mails

• Steering Committee
  – 10 meetings to finalise the SRA, including SC/WG Taskforce
  – Decision makers for final report

• Secretariat (STEM, FNR, CPL)
  – Organising WG and SC meetings
  – Providing background information
  – Drafting and compiling documents
  – Responsible for the website and stakeholder communication
Each WG made its own conclusion
Secretariat prepared draft joint documents for SRA/SDD
Further discussion in joint WG/SC taskforce
Discussion with Member State Mirror Group
Web based consultation for all stakeholders/broad public
Formal and informal meetings with European Commission (SET plan)
Steering committee decided on the final document
Overview of comments received during consultation (II)

General comments on all aspects of the SRA

- SWOT
- Biomethane is ignored
- The current status of biofuels technology maturity is not described
- Innovative carbon sequestration technologies is missing to improve reduction of GHG
- Focus on biofuels with good potential
- Priority should lie on R&D&D of biofuels produced from lignocellulose
- A clear separation between research and production of biofuels is missing
Overview of comments received during consultation (III)

- Lignocellulose biomass doesn’t reach the market
- 1st generation biofuels must be questioned
- Land will be a limiting resource
- Amount of transport work that can be delivered per hectare and year is missing
- Focus on the well to wheel efficiency
- Crude oil demand and supply will get into severe unbalance
Overview of comments received regarding Biofuel targets

• 25% target for 2030 is considered unrealistic, particularly in the context of sustainability.

• Only achievable with import

• Fundamental opposition to targets by “civil society” responses

• 2020 target only reachable if commercial 2nd generation technology

• 25% by 2030 calls for
  • efficiency of energy utilisation in transport
  • fully deployed 2nd generation technologies
  • improvement in energy crop yield/energy crop efficiency of inputs

• 10% is realistic. After this goal is reached, new decisions should be taken
EC comments

• **TP Biofuels** should ensure a "close involvement in the Bio-energy Europe Initiative" Janez Potočnik RTD Commissioner

• "Bio-energy Europe will focus on next generation biofuels in the context of an overall strategy for bio-energy."
  • Demonstration projects
  • Research projects
Thank you!

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