

The European Biofuels Technology Platform:

The consultation process and its impact on SRA/SDD

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- 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



General comments on all aspects of the <u>SRA</u>

- 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



- 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



 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



• **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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