



Joint Statement on REDII

November 27, 2017 - Leaders and experts in alternative fuels and transportation sectors who are part of the ART Fuels Forum urge the European Parliament and the EU Council of Ministers to set dedicated, ambitious and binding targets for the use of sustainable renewable transportation fuels and to ensure policy certainty in order to stimulate investments for increased production and use of such fuels.

An increased market penetration and widespread use of sustainable liquid and gaseous alternative fuels in all transport modes is required to achieve the ambitious goals that have been set to reduce GHG emissions in transport and to transition to a low carbon economy. Many new sustainable alternative transportation fuels, such as advanced biofuels, are ready to be commercialized at large scale and represent viable short-term solutions to replace fossil fuels in addition to sustainable conventional crop-based biofuels. Biofuels, renewable and low carbon alternative fuels also play an important economic role as they significantly increase job creation and help maintaining the global leading position of the European industry. The increased adoption of renewables in transportation is heavily influenced by the decisions of policy makers which are in turn creating the business environment necessary to stimulate investments.

Based on the recent opinion issued by the European Parliament Environment Committee and the latest text proposed by the EU Council Presidency on the proposed REDII, the ART Fuels Forum calls for:

1. Introducing a transport specific renewable energy target for Member States or a fuel supplier obligation.
2. Maintaining the list of feedstocks from Annex IX as it is, as proposed by the Commission, whilst allowing to add feedstock to the list in the future but not removing any. Annex IX, which was agreed upon in 2015 as part of the ILUC directive, is currently under implementation in Member States and is the basis for technologies that are being developed and investments that are being made and planned.
 - ART Fuels Forum calls for promoting, in addition, a broad base of sustainable feedstocks, especially from waste and residue materials, which is not restricted to Annex IX feedstocks, such as the proposal by the Sub-Group of Advanced Biofuels that was endorsed by the ART Fuels Forum*. In any event, all biofuels need to fulfil the stringent sustainability criteria set by the Directive.
3. Establishing binding specific targets (dedicated sub-mandates) for the different categories of biofuels and other sustainable transportation alternatives:
 - ART Fuels Forum supports the proposed approach by the Commission for the binding dedicated sub-mandates for the different categories of biofuels. Biofuels produced from feedstocks listed in Annex IX Part A call for the use of innovative technologies and therefore require a separate mandate to spur new investments.
 - ART Fuels Forum considers that the proposed limitation to the use of feedstocks in Part B of Annex IX is a conservative approach and it questions the rationale behind the inclusion of this low cap in the draft REDII.
 - ART Fuels Forum supports the inclusion of low carbon fuels produced from waste-based carbon sources called waste-based fossil fuels as proposed by the Commission.
4. Incentivizing the use of alternative fuels in aviation and marine sectors with concrete policy measures.
5. Focusing efforts on limiting the use of fossil fuels in transport rather than limiting sustainable crop based biofuels. These biofuels effectively contribute today to reducing GHG emissions in transportation. A 7% cap on sustainable crop-based biofuels should not be reduced until 2030.

These actions are required to decarbonize transport rapidly, spur innovation, transform the petrochemical based industry into a biobased and circular economy sector. The objective of the Renewable Energy Directive must be to establish the best conditions to optimize the use of renewable energy in transportation and to limit the use of fossil fuels.

About ART Fuels Forum

The ART Fuels Forum brings together 100 experts and leaders representing the value chain for alternative transportation fuels to facilitate discussions, elaborate common positions on policy issues and identify market penetration opportunities and barriers for these fuels. The Forum is established and financed by the European Commission under the project name “Support for alternative and renewable liquid and gaseous fuels forum (policy and market issues)”. It is composed of stakeholders from the European alternative and renewable transport fuels (ART Fuels) production industry, the transportation sector, the main international cooperation actors and EU policy makers and stakeholders.

ART Fuels Forum focuses on sustainable advanced liquid and gaseous transportation fuels derived from a broad range of non-food feedstocks using specialized conversion technologies. These transportation fuels include, among others, fuels produced from thermochemical and biochemical conversion of lignocellulosic biomass, fuels from algae and microbial biomasses, power to gas/liquid fuels, solar fuels, fuels from industrial waste gases, fuels from municipal solid waste, plastic waste and refinery waste, and co-processing of biomass intermediates in existing refineries. www.artfuelsforum.eu

*Please read broader definition of advanced biofuels being proposed by ART Fuels Forum: http://artfuelsforum.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/01-ART-Fuels_Key-Messages-Brochure-web_Sep_2017-1.pdf



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