

# Biofuels- current status and foreseeable policy developments

Ignacio Vazquez Larruscain European Commission, DG CLIMA, Low Carbon Technologies Unit





### **Content**

#### **Policy Framework to 2020**

- Renewable Energy Directive
- Fuel Quality Directive

#### Sustainability criteria for biofuels

- Demonstrating compliance
- Greenhouse gas criteria

#### **Outstanding tasks**

- Remaining definitions (i.e. highly biodiverse grassland)
- Update of GHG default values
- ILUC proposal





## **The Policy Framework 2020**

#### **Fuel Quality Directive**

 6% greenhouse gas reduction target in carbon intensity of road transport fuels in 2020

#### **Renewable Energy Directive**

- 20% share renewable energy by 2020
- 10% renewable energy in transport by 2020

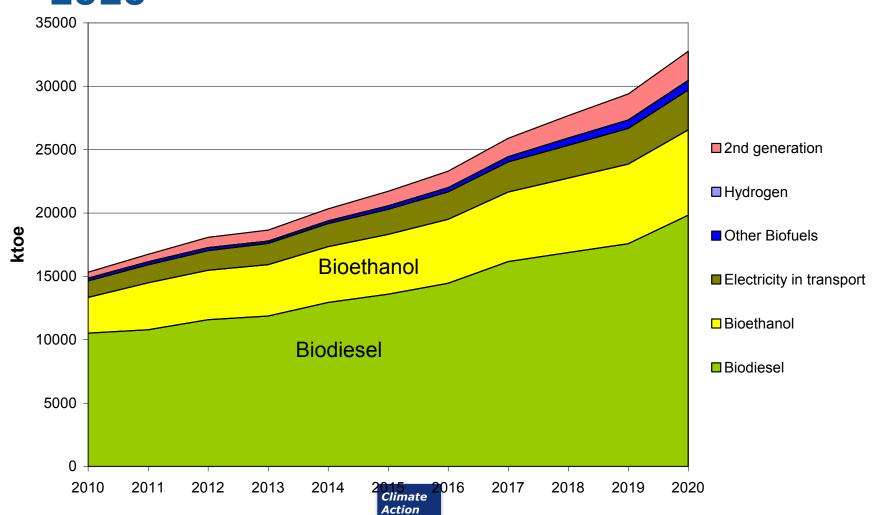
## Significant contribution to both targets expected to come from biofuels





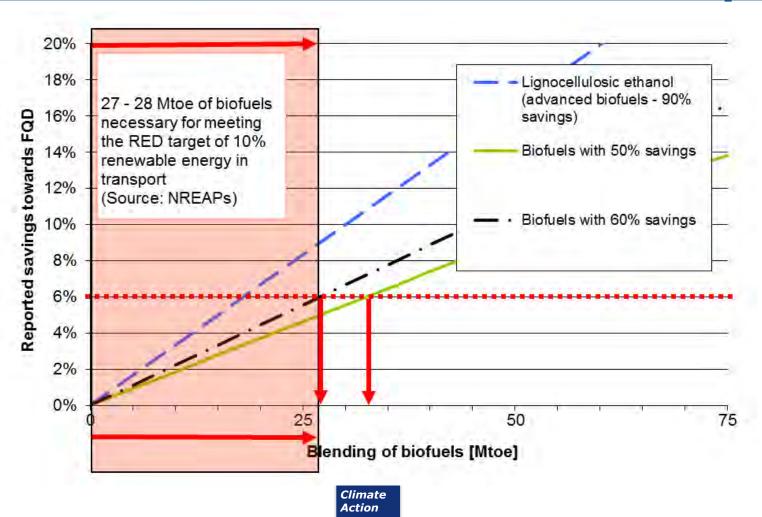
#### **NREAPs: RES transport sector towards**

Development of renewable energy in transport in EU 27





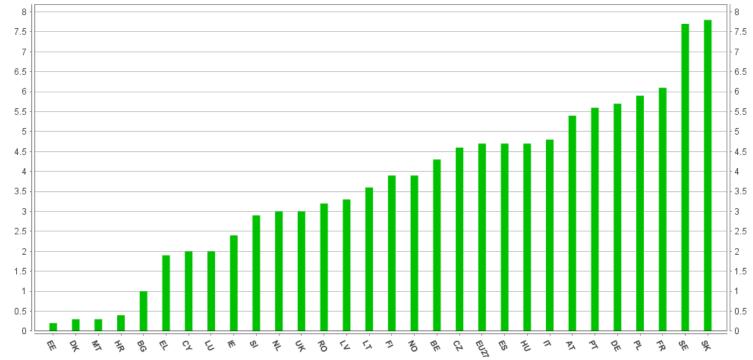
## **How do the two Directives add up?**





## **RES in transport fuels- EU 2010**





Source: Eurostat





## Sustainability criteria for biofuels

#### **Common to both Directives**

#### Biofuels can not come from land:

- With high carbon stock
- High biodiversity (primary forest etc.)

Biofuels need to save at least 35% compared to fossil fuels, increasing to 50% in 2017 (60% for new installations in 2018)





#### **The GHG criterion**

Annex V has a set of <u>default</u> values (cultivation, processing and transport)

Possible to report <u>actual</u> values

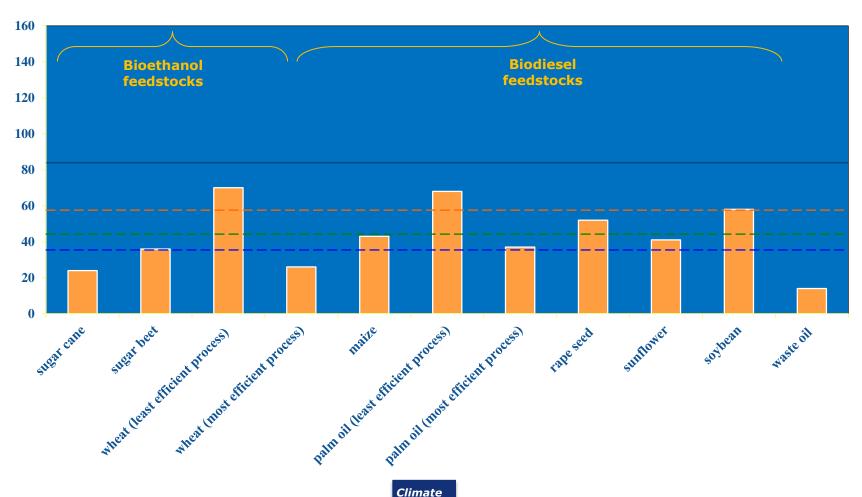
Rules for calculating actual values are set out in Annex V, part C





## **LCA** biofuels

cultivation, processing and transport (gCO<sub>2</sub>/MJ)



Action



## **How to prove compliance**

**Approval by Member State authorities** 

Bi-lateral agreement (partial or full coverage)

# Approval by voluntary scheme accepted by the Commission (access to all Member States' markets)

- » 1. ISCC (International Sustainability and Carbon Certification)
- » 2. Bonsucro EU
- » 3. RTRS EU RED (Round Table on Responsible Soy EU RED)
- » 4. RSB EU RED (Roundtable of Sustainable Biofuels EU RED)
- » 5. 2BSvs (Biomass Biofuels voluntary scheme)
- » 6. RBSA (Abengoa RED Bioenergy Sustainability Assurance)
- » 7. Greenergy (Greenergy Brazilian Bioethanol verification programme)
- » 8. Ensus voluntary scheme under RED for Ensus bioethanol production
- » 9. Red Tractor Farm Assurance Combinable Crops & Sugar Beet (Red Tractor)
- » 10. Scottish Quality Farm Assured Combinable Crops Limited (SQC)
- » 11. REDcert
- » 12. NTA 8080





## **Outstanding tasks**

Remaining definitions (i.e. highly biodiverse grassland)

**Update of GHG default values** 

**ILUC proposal (early Autumn)** 

FQD GHG baseline and fossil fuel methodology





#### Thank you for your attention



