

# Biofuels in the EU

indirect land-use change emissions

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# Content

## Policy Framework

- Renewable Energy Directive
- Fuel Quality Directive

Indirect land-use change emissions

### Transport beyond 2020

Decarbonisation of the transport sector in EU





## Legal Framework – Two Directives





### ILUC – where are we now?

The December-report on ILUC concluded:

- ILUC can reduce the GHG-benefits of using biofuels
- But considerable uncertainties and limitations associated with the modelling remains

Inter-service consultation on-going.

Adoption possibly in October.





# **The IFPRI-report**

Finalised and published in October 2011

Updated and improved compared to the report published last year, some changes:

- Biofuel demand as set out in the NREAPs Improved representation of co-product markets
- Peat land emissions
- Food demand (less elastic)
- Uncertainty analysis (monte-carlo)



# NREAPs: Technology breakdown in the transport sector towards 2020





# **IFPRI-study findings**

Overall ILUC is estimated to eliminate around 70% the direct savings offered by biofuels, leaving biofuels with 21% savings

 i.e. Biofuels still saves emissions compared to fossil fuels <u>also when the ILUC is included</u>

Large differences in estimated ILUC between sugars, cereals and vegetable oils

*ILUC is a serious concern, but significant uncertainties remains* 

Includes as list of 25 sources of uncertainty





## **Feedstock specific results**





#### Overall results (note importance of peatland emissions which only account for 2% of the expansion of cropland)



Source: Figure 15 of IFPRI-report



## How does this fit with historical data?





# EU total vegetable oil trade and biodiesel production





# Transport beyond 2020





## Low Carbon Road Map Trajectory





# Ways to decarbonise transport





# EU transport: routes to 2050

Potential scenarios for delivering reductions: White Paper for transport

In the central scenario, biofuels would represent around a third of total energy used in the transport sector (around 100 Mtoe biofuels)

To reach the 60% reduction target, the biofuels would need to deliver total savings of **around 70-80%** (including potential indirect effects)





## **Potential impacts of low GHG balance**





# Conclusions

ILUC is a serious concern that needs to be addressed

100 Mtoe biofuels are needed towards 2050, and these biofuel need to provide considerable savings (indirect effects included)

Discussions on ILUC:

- ISC on-going
- Adoption possibly in October





# Thank you for your attention.

Material on the sustainability criteria including the GHG methodology is available here: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/biofuels/sustainability\_crit</u> <u>eria\_en.htm</u>

Background on the origin of the default values: <u>http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/about-jec/downloads</u>

The IFPRI report and other studies on ILUC are available here: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/studies/land\_use\_change</u> <u>\_en.htm</u>

