



## Press release

# ECFD Members calls on the EU Parliament not to limit options to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> in mobility

On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the European Confederation of Fuel Distributors (ECFD) on 2nd June 2022 in Brussels Members urge the EU Parliament to keep an technology open approach on climate protection in the mobility sector. With a view to the upcoming vote on the 8th June 2022 on CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for passenger cars and vans ECFD members strongly support the EU climate targets but asks policy decision makers to also to have in mind consumer and industry needs.

The current Commission's proposals and the leading EP Environmental Committee conclusions do not achieve such a balance and limits the choices to only electromobility in the future. Emissions that are still measured at the tailpipe, and only the exhaust emissions are considered by the legislation, not the entire life-cycle emissions, would mean that only electric vehicles can pass this threshold. The remaining technologies will be banned from entering the market.

Mobility needs to remain affordable for all citizens across Europe. The EU Parliament and the Council should not limit consumer choices for technologies. Moreover, without sustainable, renewable fuels, Europe's transport sector will not be able to achieve climate objectives. A technology mix in which low-carbon and renewable fuels complement the expansion of electromobility would enable consumer choice and maintain stable employment in the EU whilst reaching our climate protection target.

ECFD member strongly support to include a voluntary crediting system for sustainable renewable fuels as it is fully developed, a practical solution ready for implementation in the regulation for CO<sub>2</sub> standards for cars and vans. It builds on existing structures for the accounting of fuels on the market, sustainability criteria, avoids double counting and keeps responsibilities of car manufactures and fuel suppliers separate.

The crediting system is as a first step towards a more holistic lifecycle approach. It would provide a safety-net where direct electrification is not yet viable, address the tremendous unsolved challenge of reducing carbon emissions from the existing vehicle fleet, reduce the pressure for fast-track deployment of charging infrastructure, high electricity prices and further subsidies as well as critical raw materials sourcing.

We ask the EU Parliament to consider and support these for a holistic EU climate policy that combines ambition with efficiency and puts Europe and its citizens on a path to achieve the ambitious targets we have set for ourselves.



## ABOUT ECFD

ECFD is the voice of more than 10,000 distributors of liquid fuels in the EU member states, bringing their competence to the EU level. With an average share of 60 % of filling stations being family-owned members operate mainly independently from major energy companies. ECFD members maintain and secure a reliable supply of conventional fuels, biofuels, LPG and CNG to customers across Europe. In addition, ECFD is actively engaged in the low-carbon energy transition via renewable fuel for the mobility and heating sector. Our members supply sustainable conventional and advanced biofuels and are committed to the rapid market take-off of synthetic powerbased fuels in order to achieve the European climate protection targets. Our members own convenience retail outlets and motorway service areas and provide a range of high quality products and services to European consumers. They also manage and supply fuels used in non-road areas like agricultural machinery, shipping and public sector works. Modern heating and mobility with liquid fuels provides millions of European households with improved air quality, thanks to cleaner fuels with reduced sulphur content, higher energy savings, thanks to well-proven and mature technology, affordable solutions for vulnerable consumers, thanks to the low cost of upgrading to more energy efficient heating systems and alternative clean mobility solutions.

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