



Press release

ECFD draws mixed conclusions on the compromise reached by the EU Council of Environment Ministers on the CO₂-emissions performance standards of cars

Brussels, 30 June 2022 – European Confederation of fuel Distributors (ECFD – European Association of Small and Medium-sized Oil Companies) welcomes the fact that the EU Environment Ministers have underlined the central importance of renewable fuels for climate protection and the preservation of affordable mobility in their decision today. However, concrete proposals for a crediting system that would promote their ramp-up were not taken up.

“The EU Council of Environment Ministers has declared its support for e-fuels and thus taken a stand against a blanket ban on combustion engines. This is the positive message of the day,” said ECFD Secretary General Matthias Plötzke in a first assessment. The Council has instructed the EU Commission to draw up a proposal on how new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles with combustion engines powered by CO₂-neutral fuels can be registered even after 2035. “The route via the EU Commission could delay the urgently needed production ramp-up of e-fuels. We expect now a quick and substantial proposal by the Commission.” continues Mr Ploetzke. In its decision, the Council emphasised the role of a fair and economically viable transformation to a climate-neutral future; the connection would also apply to participation in individual mobility for all EU citizens. “A possible proposal must be measured against this. Neither the Parliament nor the Commission should accept possible sham solutions from the EU Commission,” emphasises Matthias Plötzke from ECFD.

“In essence, a ready-to-use proposal has already been discussed in Parliament and Council, it should be used as a basis”, Matthias Plötzke demands. He points out that the Transport Committee in the European Parliament has proposed the integration of a CO₂ crediting system into the CO₂ fleet regulation. It is envisaged that for the use of renewable fuels in the market.

ECFD understands the Council decision to further work substantially and contribute to a constructive dialogue with EU decision maker an Commission, Parliament and Council.



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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