



Press release

Alliance of business and science backs renewable fuels for trucks in joint declaration

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A broad European alliance of companies and associations from the transport and energy sectors has joined forces with renowned scientists to send an open letter to the EU Commission. In the letter, the signatories, including ECFD, call for the climate protection contribution of renewable fuels to be recognized in the upcoming revision of CO₂ fleet limits for heavy-duty vehicles.

Defossilization of the fuel sector is an important prerequisite for achieving the ambitious climate targets of the European "Fit for 55" program, according to which 55 percent of CO₂ emissions are to be saved in the EU by 2030. Matthias Plötzke, ECFD's Secretary General: "Commercial vehicles ensure continuous logistics and thus reliable supplies for citizens and businesses. The more than 6 million trucks in Europe are in large majority equipped with combustion engines. Climate-friendly synthetic or biogenic fuels are therefore essential to reduce CO₂ emissions from commercial vehicle fleets."

Freight transport by road is a key economic pillar and a necessary requirement for the functioning of the EU internal market. ECFD therefore supports an open letter to the EU in which representatives along the entire economic value chain and important voices from the scientific community call on the European legislator to consider renewable fuels in the current revision of the CO₂ fleet regulation for heavy-duty vehicles. Matthias Plötzke of ECFD: "For climate protection, every option must be made possible, while at the same time ensuring a secure supply of energy for freight transport. Alongside hydrogen and electrification efforts, climate-neutral fuels must be recognized in the upcoming CO₂ fleet limit regulation."



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