



Co-processing

Statement of Art Fuels Forum

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The ART Fuels Forum encourages the European Commission to support co-processing of biomass as a technically feasible, cost-effective, and short term practical solution to implement renewable fuels using the refinery infrastructure that exists in Europe already today.

Given the significant potential of almost 90 existing refineries in Europe, the ART Fuels Forum is of the opinion that it would be a big step forward if clear European policies enable these refineries to reduce the input of fossil feedstocks by substituting crude oil with sustainable alternatives, which can be co-processed into a range of renewable fuels and chemicals.

To illustrate the potential impact: co-processing could contribute to 20-30% of the advanced biofuels target of 3,5% by 2030 as set under the RED II. This would require about a modest 4,5 million tons of lignocellulosic biomass per year (readily available in Europe) replacing fossil crude oil and, hence, resulting in about 4 million tons of CO₂ emission reductions every year. It would go hand in hand with thousands of new jobs and billions of investments. And it would be a stepping stone toward greening of the petrochemical industry.

We, therefore, kindly but strongly urge that the EC finds a practical way to finalize the Delegated Act on co-processing in such a way that maximum impact in line with the targets of RED II and the Paris Agreement can be achieved.

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