



European Sustainable Biofuels Forum

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Press Release

Official launch of the European Sustainable Biofuels Forum

Major EU biofuels organisations from the biodiesel, algae and biogas sectors as well major stakeholders from EU bioethanol industry are proud to announce the launching of the European Sustainable Biofuels Forum (ESBF) as a new EU umbrella organisation in the field of biofuels.

The ESBF kick-off meeting was held in Brussels on September 17th and 18th 2012 in which participated three European biofuels sectorial associations, together with EU biofuels market operators. The goal, purpose and mission of this informal platform whose creation was strongly supported by the European Commission Directorate General for Energy were set during this meeting. ESBF will act as a single organisation with the aim of gathering all the European biofuels sectors and producers under one single umbrella in order to address common issues and promote the development of sustainable and renewable fuels in European transport.

Earlier in 2012, the European Biogas Association (EBA), European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) and the European Biodiesel Board (EBB) - along with technology providers, advanced biofuels producers and sectorial experts (Chemtex, BDI BioEnergy, Idea-RE)- set the corner stone of the new ESBF forum which aims at becoming a reference for enhanced and harmonised visibility of the biofuels sector in Europe and across the world.

Under the shield of the European Commission, the new ESBF platform was created with the declared aim to:

- build up consensus among the EU biofuels stakeholders,
- create synergies between conventional and advanced generations biofuels producers and advanced technology providers
- spread out extensive information on the state of play of European biofuels.

The informative mission of ESBF will focus on each relevant area of the sectors ranging from market and technological insights, to trade patterns, and to more detailed reports on EU regulations at EU and national levels.

Furthermore, ESBF intends to provide the EC Commission with exhaustive information on technology progress, legislation and policy, and uses of new feed-stocks for biofuel production. As such, the BIOMAP project - outlining innovations in Europe in an informative and graphical manner - is an important part of the ESBF as a valuable reference tool. Building on an FP7 Project, BIOMAP will develop further understanding of the state of play of biofuels by mapping information across the biofuels value chains. The development is led by Mappingbook using innovative graphical representations of complex issues.

In its mission to promote biofuels, ESBF looks forward to involve a larger number of organisations and companies to participate in its Stakeholder Committees and workshops to be held in the forthcoming months.

For more information, please visit ESBF website active as from Sept 25th 2012
<http://www.sustainablebiofuelsforum.eu/>