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EurObserv'ER consortium releases Biofuels Barometer 2007

Consumed in the EU in the year 2007: 7.7 Mtoe biofuels

Biofuels share is 2.6% of all the road transport fuels in Europe

Biofuels represent 2.6% of the energy content of all the fuels used in road transport in Europe today. Nearly half of the target of 5.75% for 2010 set by the directive on biofuels has thus been reached in four years time. To achieve 5.75%, the European Union is going to have to increase its production and doubtless call even more on imports, at a moment when biofuels are found at the core of complex ecological and economic issues.

Other topics in the Biofuels Barometer 2007

Besides the 2007 realisations other subjects that are discussed in the Biofuels Barometer are:

- Renewable energy policies for biofuels
- Selected country reviews
- Biofuel principal actors
- Environmental issues

Data provenance and consolidation

The data presented in the Barometer was supplied to a large extent by national energy agencies, sector associations, ministries and statistical offices of the European countries. The 2007 statistics that are presented are provisional figures, which shall be consolidated in the Overview Barometer (expected January 2009).

About EurObserv'ER

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Annex

Biofuel consumption in European Union for transport in 2007 (in toe)*

	Bioethanol	Biodiesel	Others**	Total Consumption
Germany	293,078	2,957,463	752,207	4,002,748
France	272,937	1,161,277	0	1,434,215
Austria	21,883	367,140	0	389,023
Spain	112,640	260,580	0	373,220
United Kingdom	78,030	270,660	0	348,690
Sweden	181,649	99,602	n.a.	281,251
Portugal	0	158,853	0	158,853
Italy	0	139,350	0	139,350
Bulgaria	66,160	46,336	0	112,496
Poland	85,200	15,480	0	100,680
Belgium	0	91,260	0	91,260
Greece	0	80,840	0	80,840
Lithuania	11,600	41,000	0	52,600
Luxembourg	865	34,098	0	34,963
Czech Republic	180	32,660	0	32,840
Slovenia	794	12,993	0	13,787
Slovakia	13,262	n.a.	0	13,262
Hungary	9,180	0	0	9,180
Netherlands	8,670	n.a.	0	8,670
Ireland	2,352	4,612	1,410	8,374
Denmark	6,025	0	0	6,025
Latvia	1,738	2	0	1,740
Malta	n.a.	0	0	n.a.
Finland	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cyprus	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Estonia	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Romania	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
European Union	1,166,243	5,774,207	753,617	7,694,067

** Vegetable oil consumed pure in Germany, Ireland and The Netherlands, an biogas for Sweden

* Estimate

n.a.: not available

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