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Biofuels Barometer

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Biofuels: EurObserv'ER releases new Barometer

Total 2009 biofuel use amounted to **12.1 Mtoe** (► Table 2 on pdf page 5), which represents a 4% share across all road transport fuels estimated at 300 Mtoe in 2009. The European Union needs to raise biofuel consumption by 6 Mtoe in 2010 if it is to reach the Directive's goal (5.75%).

According to the EurObserv'ER estimates, the slowdown in the growth of European biofuel consumption deepened again. **Biofuel use** in transport **grew by 18.7%** between 2008 and 2009, against 30.3% between 2007 and 2008 and 41.8% between 2006 and 2007. (► Graph 1 on pdf page 7)

In contrast to previous years, growth in **bioethanol** fuel consumption was steadier (up 31.9% between 2008 and 2009) than that of **biodiesel** (up 19.9% between 2008 and 2009). The collapse of **vegetable oil** consumption continued (down 72.3%), which contrasts with the consumption of **biogas** fuel that has the same properties as natural gas, and is still growing in Sweden (up 23.2%). In Europe most biofuel used in transport is essentially sourced from **biodiesel** which accounts for **79.5%** of the total energy content, as opposed to **19.3%** for **bioethanol**. The vegetable oil fuel share is becoming negligible (0.9%) and for the moment the biogas fuel share is specific to one country: Sweden (0.3%). (► Graph 2 on pdf page 8)

Besides the 2009 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the new barometer are:

- Selected country reviews
- Renewable energy policies
- Industry overview
- Projection to the year 2010

The release of the **next Barometer** is expected in **November 2010**
This Barometer will be focusing on
solid biomass, biogas and renewable municipal solid waste

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