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6.8% growth in EU biofuel consumption in 2019

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Key data for the EU Biofuel sector in 2020

17.8 Mtoe	Total biofuel consumption in EU28 transport 2019 (16.7 Mtoe in 2018)
99.9%	Share of consumption certified as sustainable in 2019 (99.7% in 2018)
Biodiesel	
14.3 Mtoe	Biodiesel consumption in the EU in 2019 (13.5 Mtoe in 2018)
80.5 %	Share of biodiesel in overall biofuel consumption in 2019 (80.7% in 2018)
Bioethanol	
3.2 Mtoe	Bioethanol consumption for transport in the EU in 2019 (3.01 Mtoe in 2018)
18.0%	Share of bioethanol in overall biofuel consumption in 2019 (18.1% in 2018)

Main findings of the EurObserv'ER Biofuels Barometer 2020

Last year, biofuel consumption used in transport in the European Union of 28 increased by just over 1.1 million tons oil equivalent (Mtoe). According to EurObserv'ER, it should stabilize at 17.8 Mtoe in 2019, as against 16.7 Mtoe in 2018, which is a 6.8% increase. This growth is directly linked to the increase in certain member countries' incorporation mandates, through policies implemented (linked to motivational taxes or fuel-wide obligations to reduce GHG emissions) to achieve the binding 10% target of renewable energies in the transport sector by the end of 2020.

The breakdown of biofuel sources for 2019 for the EU28 (including UK) is:

- biodiesel: 80.5%
- bioethanol: 18.0%
- biogas: 1.5 %

As for biogas fuel consumption (biogas purified until an equivalent quality to that of Natural Gas is obtained) meant for NGV (Natural Gas Vehicle) motorisations, is now identified in 9 countries. Some Member States view biogas fuel as a strategic priority for achieving the renewable target share in transport by the 2030 timeline. This particularly applies to Sweden and Italy whose legislation encourages its use in transport.

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