

Deploy Higher Biodiesel Blends Now to Lower Fuel Costs and Strengthen Europe's Energy Resilience

At a time of rising diesel prices and heightened geopolitical instability, Europe faces a clear and urgent challenge: protecting households and businesses from escalating fuel and living costs while accelerating emissions reductions. Immediate, practical solutions are available – and must now be deployed.

Higher biodiesel blends represent one of the fastest and most effective tools to deliver **direct cost relief at the pump**, while strengthening Europe's energy independence. Produced domestically from sustainable and increasingly waste and advanced feedstocks, biodiesel is already available at scale across Europe. Yet its full potential remains constrained by outdated policy caps and limitations that no longer reflect today's economic and geopolitical realities.

Diesel remains the backbone of Europe's economy. Nearly all goods – from food and medicines to construction materials – depend on diesel-powered transport. When diesel prices rise, inflation follows. The current volatility in global fossil fuel markets, exacerbated by ongoing geopolitical tensions, is directly impacting European consumers and businesses. **Emergency measures are needed now** to shield the European economy from further cost escalation.

Targeted, immediate policy action can unlock:

- Enable and promote **higher biodiesel blends** (e.g. B10 at the pump for passenger vehicles and allow beyond that for heavy-duty transport) across the EU
- Introduce **temporary tax incentives or exemptions for renewable fuels** to accelerate uptake and reduce pump prices
- Remove unnecessary regulatory barriers that restrict the use of sustainable, waste-based feedstocks

Increasing the share of biodiesel in the fuel mix offers an immediate response:

- **Lower fuel costs for consumers** through reduced exposure to volatile fossil fuel imports
- **Price stability across the supply chain**, helping to curb inflationary pressure
- **Immediate greenhouse gas reductions of up to 90%** compared to fossil diesel
- **Strengthened European waste-based biodiesel industry**, supporting over 70 production facilities and approximately 25,000 direct and indirect jobs
- **Enhanced energy security** through domestically produced, waste-derived fuels

Biodiesel is not a future technology – it is a **proven, technically mature solution** already in use across fleets, municipalities, agriculture, and logistics. It meets modern fuel standards, ensures reliable engine performance, and contributes to improved engine durability through its high cetane number and superior lubricity.

These measures would deliver **instant, tangible benefits** to European citizens while reinforcing the EU’s climate and industrial objectives at a time when they are needed most. Europe already has the infrastructure, the feedstocks, and the industrial capacity. What is needed now is the political will to act decisively.

This is not only a climate opportunity – it is a **cost-of-living imperative**, an **industrial strategy**, and a **test of Europe’s ability to respond to crisis with its own solutions**.

The time to act is now.

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About EWABA

EWABA is a Brussels-based association representing the interests of the European waste-based and advanced biofuels industry before EU institutions, national governments, industry, civil society and the media. We promote the inclusion of waste-based and advanced biofuels in the EU fuel mix as a sustainable means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in EU transport. Our 65+ members active in most EU Member States collect and use waste and advanced feedstocks listed in parts A and B of Annex IX of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) to produce sustainable biodiesel with the highest GHG savings (up to +90%) when compared with fossil fuels, thus enabling “near-term decarbonization” of the EU road and maritime transport sectors. <https://www.ewaba.eu/>