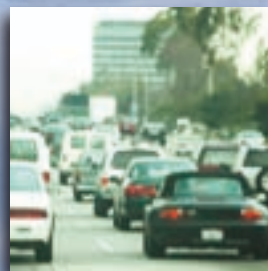


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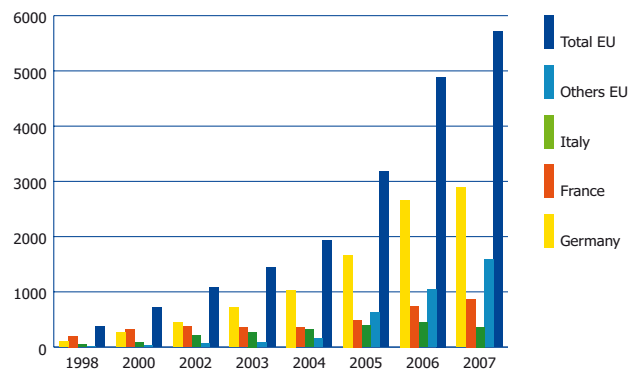


The EU biodiesel industry today

In 2008 a total of **214 biodiesel production** facilities stand ready to produce up to 16 million tonnes of biodiesel per year.

Production in 2007 was 5.74 million tonnes, reflecting a difficult year due to the presence of unfair US B99 subsidised imports.

EU and Member States' Biodiesel Production ('000 t)



While this represents an annual growth of 16.8% it is in stark contrast to the production growth of 54% in 2006 and 65% in 2005. Contrary to EU objectives biodiesel production in 6 member states has decreased in 2007. The biodiesel industry has invested in the infrastructure required to deliver the EU target of 10% of transport fuels by 2020 but requires **a stable policy environment and fair trade competition to deliver the products demanded including the future of sustainable transport fuel technologies.**

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The European Biodiesel Board (EBB) is the European federation of biodiesel producing companies. The EBB is the voice of the European Biodiesel industry, it is a 100% industry funded association and was established in 1997.

Today EBB has 65 executive and associate members across the EU. Together, they account for around 80% of EU biodiesel production and 2/3rd of biodiesel produced worldwide.

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EBB Activities

From headquarters in Brussels the EBB promotes the interests of its members notably towards European Institutions to ensure a sustainable future for the industry.

To achieve this aim, the EBB:

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- Represents its members to the Institutions of the European Union and other international organisations.
- Collects, analyses and disseminates statistics and information on the industry.
- Studies problems confronted by the biodiesel industry and suggests solutions at technical, political, legal and institutional levels.
- Analyses and verifies the quality of the biodiesel produced by its members through a periodical quality report (EBBQR).
- Conducts research along with Universities and research programs.
- Co-ordinates the certification of biodiesel producers under the REACH registration.
- Monitors the international trade of biodiesel and takes political and legal steps to defend free trade.
- Manages a website; www.ebb-eu.org covering all aspects of biodiesel at European level.

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A SUSTAINABLE ROAD TRANSPORT FUEL

Why biodiesel?

Biodiesel is a renewable transport fuel produced from plant oils such as rapeseed and sunflower, as well as recycled vegetable oils, tallow and algae. EBB members produce EN14214 standard Biodiesel which can be marketed in blends with conventional diesel up to 5% - 7% in volume. It is also used in transport fleets in a 30% blend and can be used 100% pure with slight modification to engine filters and rubber components. Biodiesel is the preferred European solution to steadily increasing emissions from transport and dependence on imported oil (especially diesel) as it offers a range of **cross cutting benefits**:



- Biodiesel is suitable for use in existing vehicles and distribution infrastructure;
- It significantly reduces GHGs compared to burning fossil diesel;
- It is mainly produced in Europe, improving independence and security of fuel supply, thus ensuring control over prices, supply and environmental management;
- It fosters rural development by improving incomes for farmers and rural communities;
- It presents opportunities for development and export of high value technology.

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EU Policy Demand for biodiesel

To achieve the aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport the EU set the biofuels industry the target of achieving 5.75% market share of road transport fuels by 2010 (Directive 2003/30/EC). In March 2007, the European Council adopted as part of the Climate Change and Energy Package a **10% binding target for biofuels consumption to be reached by 2020** by each EU Member State.

On the basis of those objectives, Member States are implementing policies to encourage investment in the biofuels sector. The EU biodiesel industry has committed the necessary research and investment efforts to create a world leading production capacity.

Sustainability

As EU biodiesel feedstock comes almost completely from European farms, EU Common Agricultural Policy Regulations ensure our feedstock are some of the most sustainably managed crops in the world.

EU sustainability criteria will ensure EU biodiesel saves substantial GHG emissions compared to fossil diesel.

As biodiesel accounts for only a very marginal proportion of EU agricultural land its significance on food prices is minimal.

EBB Members are already committed to fulfill the international standards for sustainability in GHG emissions and sustainable feedstock. We also work to the development of new improved technologies.

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