

RED II

Time's Running Out to Save European Biofuels



As the discussions between the European Parliament and the Council continue on the recast of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II), the European Oilseed Alliance (EOA) **calls on policymakers to support European rapeseed producers** and acknowledge the role of the EU biofuels sector in the decarbonisation of road transport and the coproduction of proteins for animal feed.

European rapeseed-based biofuels can still be saved if the European Parliament and Member States commit to:



Promoting European sustainable rapeseed biofuels whose production generates high quality vegetable protein meals for European livestock



Discouraging the use within the EU of biofuels produced from imported raw materials with adverse effects on the environment, such as deforestation

EU Biofuels An Asset to Europe

1 Reducing the EU dependence on imported proteins



The production of **6.5 Mt of European rapeseed biodiesel** allows for the coproduction of **10 Mt of GMO-free rapeseed meals** for livestock feeds.

Reducing the share of European first-generation rapeseed-based biofuels would imply **the imports of 6 Mt of GMO soybean meals for livestock feeds per year**. The EU dependence on imported soybean meals would thus rise by 30%.



2 Reducing the EU dependence on imported fossil and non renewable fuels



European rapeseed biodiesel accounts for almost **40% of the total renewable energies** consumed in European transport.

Reducing the share of European first-generation rapeseed-based biofuels would imply **the imports of 6 Mt of fossil oil equivalent per year** and, as a consequence, more GHG-emissions in European transport.

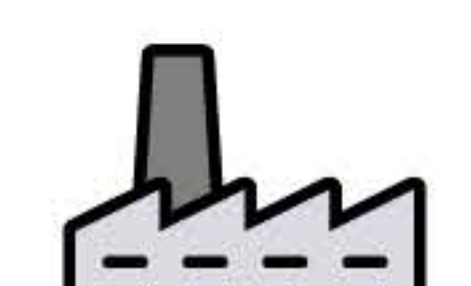


3 Boosting EU growth and local employment



In the EU, first-generation biofuels represent **200,000 non-transferrable jobs**, mainly in rural areas.

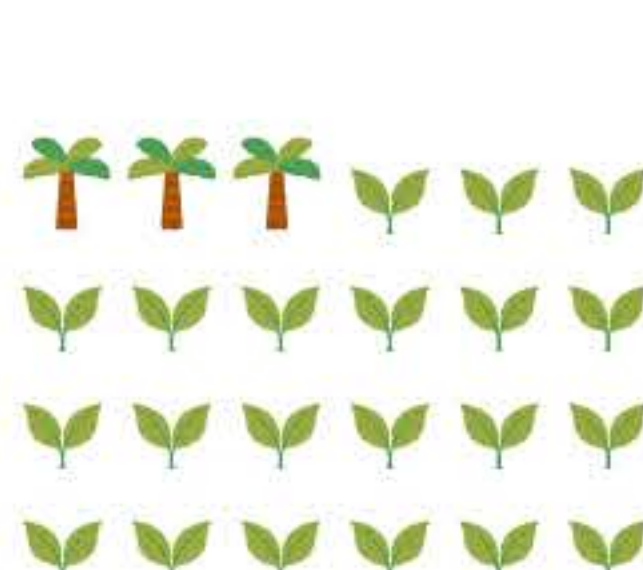
Reducing the share of European first-generation rapeseed-based biofuels would imply **closures of plants throughout Europe, with disastrous consequences for the economy and jobs, and European agriculture**.



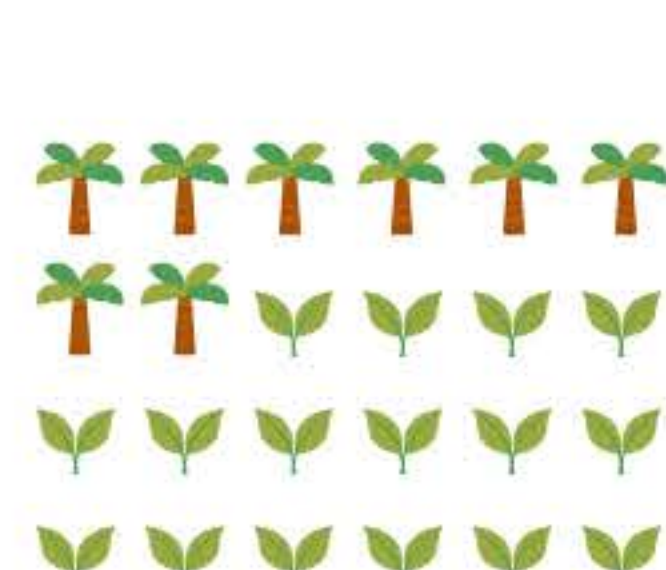
Stop EU Support for Imported Deforestation

Evolution of the share of palm oil in the EU's biodiesel production

Source : Oilworld



10%
2007



27%
2017

The EOA* supports the EU Parliament's position in favour of the non-eligibility of palm oil for biofuels production in the Member States' renewable energy target.



The aim is to address the sustainability issues of palm oil production and to contain the steady increase of its use for the production of biofuels in the EU, at the expense of European rapeseed.

We call on Member States to make a further step towards this ambitious proposal which will ensure both the reduction of emissions and the protection of EU agriculture.