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Press Release

Copa and Cogeca welcome EU Ministers vote on EU biofuel plans

Copa and Cogeca welcomed today's vote as a step in the right direction. EU Ministers decided to raise the share of crop-based biofuels in the renewable energy mix in transport to a total of at least 14%.

Copa and Cogeca Working Party chairman Dietrich Klein said "Biofuels have many advantages in terms of the climate and decarbonizing the transport sector. It is good news that EU Telecommunications, Transport and Energy Ministers agreed on this binding blending obligation on fuel suppliers of at least 14%."

"It is also a positive step that Ministers agreed in their common position, adopted this week, to maintain at 7 % until 2030, the maximum share for crop-based biofuels used in transport," added Klein.

"A binding 1% sub-target for advanced biofuels in 2025 and the 1% indicative target increase of renewable energy sources in the heating and cooling sector is also welcome," said Copa and Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen. "This approach increases the consistency with other policies and with the bio-based economy and climate goals. We nevertheless regret that the common position includes double counting for biofuels derived from waste and residues," he concluded.

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