

## Roadmap Biofuels and Sustainability Regulation

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Biofuels can lead to significant CO<sub>2</sub> reductions when used correctly. The new Roadmap Biofuels which Horst Seehofer German Minister for Agriculture and Sigmar Gabriel, German Minister for the Environment have both agreed on.

Both ministers have &ndash; together with the automobile industry, the oil industry, agriculture and the biofuel industry &ndash; prepared a common strategy to increase the share of biofuels: Bio ethanol should account for 10 % Vol (up until now 5 %) of petrol, the bio diesel proportion should be increased from 5 % to 7 % Vol.

The concerns about an intensified use of the agricultural grounds and the lack of efficiency with the use of biomass in the mobility sector (energy-server 02.08.07) is apparently not viewed as a hindrance &ndash; Biofuels represent for the foreseeable future the only alternative to mineral oil-based fuels.

Both ministries are also currently working on a sustainability regulation, which will simultaneously support both the production and use of biofuels through certification.

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