

A rethink of energy taxation is crucial – for the climate and consumers

Berlin, Brussels, June 24th 2021: The eFuel Alliance supports the European Commission's plans to modernise the Energy Tax Directive (ETD) and calls on policy-makers to make critical changes that align it with a consistent EU climate strategy.

Fair treatment for all energy sources is crucial for European climate policy, and for the consumers on whose support the transition will depend.

Ralf Diemer, Managing Director of the eFuel Alliance e.V., said: *"The positive contribution that various energy carriers can make to the reduction of CO2 emissions in numerous sectors must be reflected in a revised European energy taxation."* In terms of climate protection, it is not credible to permit conventional fossil fuels to continue to be taxed in the same way as sustainable climate-neutral fuels. *"More than ever we now need to send a signal to fuel suppliers and customers that it pays to supply and buy climate-friendly fuels,"* Diemer added.

eFuels – i.e. synthetic climate-neutral fuels from renewable energies – can make a significant contribution to ensuring that gasoline prices at petrol stations will remain affordable in the future. A climate-friendly revision of energy taxation can ensure a socially just transition to renewable and low-carbon fuels in line with the European climate targets.

Ralf Diemer said: *"Instead of volume-based taxation, a tax based on the CO2 footprint of the energy carrier must be introduced, one which reflects the actual emission reduction contribution of renewable and low-carbon fuels and is in line with the European Renewable Energy Directive*."*

The support of member states for the revision of the Energy Tax Directive is crucial for the European Commission's wider objectives and for the success of the 'EU Green Deal'. The previous effort to reform the Directive was blocked by the national governments. The eFuel Alliance's proposal guarantees consistent tax revenues for the EU member states and ensures stable fuel prices also at the filling station.

*(2018/2001/EU)

Further information can be found in our position paper: [https://www.efuel-alliance.eu/fileadmin/Downloads/Positionspapiere/eFuel Alliance Position Paper Energy Taxation Directive.pdf](https://www.efuel-alliance.eu/fileadmin/Downloads/Positionspapiere/eFuel_Alliance_Position_Paper_Energy_Taxation_Directive.pdf)

About eFuel Alliance

The eFuel Alliance is a stakeholder initiative dedicated to the industrial production of synthetic liquid fuels from renewable energies and sustainable biomass. The eFuel Alliance currently has over 130 members along the eFuels value chain. From innovative start-ups such as Synhelion, to mechanical engineering such as Siemens Energy, the fuel industry such as ExxonMobil or Neste, and end-user sectors such as Mazda or Iveco. The goals of the initiative are the recognition of eFuels as an essential component of a European climate protection policy and their equal treatment with other climate protection technologies in the sense of technological openness. The eFuel Alliance is open to all organizations and interested parties who share the goal of establishing and promoting eFuels as a contribution to climate protection and helping them to be accepted worldwide.

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