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2nd International eFuels Dialogue: Renewable fuels for the whole transport sector

Berlin, 04 June 2024: Federal Minister of Transport Dr. Volker Wissing is once again hosting the International eFuels Dialogue. This year's conference will take place as a prelude to the International Aerospace Exhibition (ILA) in Berlin. Representatives from over 70 countries are expected to attend, committed to a framework that will accelerate the market ramp-up of renewable fuels globally and across all types of transport. eFuels and other renewable fuels will once again be the focus of international politics.

“We are delighted that the Federal Minister of Transport is once again highlighting the relevance of renewable fuels on an international stage,” praises Dr. Monika Griefahn, Chair of the eFuel Alliance. “Global cooperation to tackle climate change and phase out fossil fuels is of central importance. However, with this year's focus on the aviation sector, the high relevance for the maritime sector and road transport must not be ignored.”

When it comes to producers of renewable fuels, the aviation sector is closely linked to road transportation. The production of eKerosene also produces eDiesel as a by-product, which is unavoidable in the refinery process. “If there is no corresponding market for these quantities of eDiesel, this reduces the attractiveness of fuel production and is doubly detrimental to Climate Action,” points out Ralf Diemer, CEO of the eFuel Alliance. “If we allow renewable fuels for all means of transport, this will increase the production of renewable aviation fuels, enable the blending of eDiesel, reduce the share of fossil fuels in road transport and reduce the prices of renewable fuels through economies of scale”.

Ahead of the conference, the eFuel Alliance formulated [a joint declaration](#) with its members: “Our fundamental approach is to enable competition between technologies in order to achieve maximum emission reductions and an affordable energy transition in all sectors at the same time,” adds Diemer. The industry addresses the following recommendations:

1. concrete measures are needed across all sectors to accelerate the use of renewable solutions on the path to carbon neutrality.
2. the price gap between fossil and renewable fuels must be reduced in a demand-oriented policy through more ambitious quotas. In addition, support programmes, CO2 pricing and tax reductions are fundamental to minimizing the price gap and overcoming the cost disadvantage of renewable fuels.
3. aviation and shipping require additional support due to international competition. This includes shifting away from the argument of the distribution issue. An open regulatory approach is the only way to achieve rapid industrial production of renewable fuels.
4. the certification of eFuels must be harmonized worldwide. Furthermore, in order to stimulate the market ramp-up, pragmatic delegated acts are needed to simplify the purchase of electricity and carbon. The EU should consider grandfathering to reassure investors that their green investments will remain valid once in operation.
5. forging new energy partnerships to develop global leaders, plus an appropriate trading strategy for renewable energy sources.

Achieving climate targets goes along with the development of eFuels value chains, sustainable biofuels, green hydrogen, electrification and the consequent phasing out of fossil fuels.

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>>>The eFuel Alliance e.V.<<<

The eFuel Alliance is an interest group committed to promoting political and social acceptance of eFuels and to securing their regulatory approval. We represent more than 170 companies, associations and consumer organizations along the eFuel production value chain. We stand for fair competition and equal competitive condition for all relevant emission reduction solutions. We are firmly committed to further climate change mitigation and seek recognition for the significant part eFuels can play in sustainability and climate protection. Our aim is to create the conditions for the industrial production and widespread use of CO₂-neutral fuels from renewable sources of energy.

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