

## Experts talk with Policymakers

### Should the EU urgently launch a Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Strategy?

#### Online Policy Debate

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Low carbon and renewable liquid fuels can play a critical role in the EU's climate neutrality objectives, and this is now increasingly recognised by an array of stakeholders. In its recent Communication in December 2020 of their Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, the European Commission also gave increased attention to these fuels by announcing the creation of Renewable & Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Value Chain Alliance.

Today we see that new value chains are appearing, new industrial opportunities are emerging and a broad stakeholder community is engaged in the development of these low carbon and renewable liquid fuels. Indeed, alongside the transport sectors of aviation, maritime and road, many industrial applications and opportunities are also within sight.

Alongside electrification, hydrogen and energy efficiency, it can be argued that low carbon and renewable liquid fuels deserve to be seen as the fourth pillar of EU's transport energy policy, being an essential enabler to achieve climate neutrality in 2050. However to date, no long term low carbon liquid fuels strategy has been adopted or debated. Whilst the strategic importance of both electrification and hydrogen is strongly supported by the EU, it appears that Europe urgently needs such strategy for liquid fuels so that it can help design the necessary policy framework, collaborations and value chains, thereby triggering long-term investments in a new and leading European industry.

Our speakers will share their views, expectations and policy proposals that could form the basis of an ambitious, achievable low carbon and renewable liquid fuel strategy for Europe:

#### Session 1 : The Role of Low Carbon Liquid Fuels in the Transition and the Required Policy Support

14.00 – 14.05	Welcome & Introduction
14.05 – 14.15	Commissioner Valean (AM)
14.20 – 14.30	Minister Transport Hesse : Tarek Al-Wazir (MB)
14.35 – 14.45	Portuguese Presidency : Pedro Lourtie (ES)
14.50 – 15.00	MEP Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Re/DE) – Vice Chair Transport Committee (AM)
15.05 – 15.15	
15.15 – 15.30	Break

Session 2 : Low Carbon Liquid Fuels and Economic & Social Opportunity for the EU

15.30 – 15.40	
15.45 – 15.55	
16.00 – 16.10	
16.15 – 16.25	
16.30 – 16.40	CNH – Heavy Duty Industry (ES)
16.45 – 16.55	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (MB)
17.00	End of Online Policy Debate