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Industry coalition calls for enduring EU renewable transport targets beyond 2030

Brussels, 8 October 2026: FuelsEurope, together with 12 European energy and renewable fuel associations, has called today on the European Commission to retain dedicated transport targets in the Renewable Energy Directive beyond 2030. The joint industry letter warns that removing the transport-specific framework would weaken investment signals at a time when greenhouse has (GHG) emissions reductions in transport must accelerate.

The signatories call for a clear, binding and economically efficient framework that continues to drive renewable energy deployment and greenhouse gas emission reductions in transport through robust and predictable demand signals.

Transport remains Europe's most difficult sector to decarbonise with this sector's energy transition reliant upon liquid and gaseous fuels. Renewable energy accounted for 11.2% of EU transport energy consumption in 2025, according to Eurostat, short of the 29% target for 2030 under the current Renewable Energy Directive.

The organisations underline that the transport-specific obligation under the Renewable Energy Directive has provided a clear regulatory signal for investment and market development for more than two decades. Consequently, a transport fuel supplier obligation should continue beyond 2030 to continue to support investment decisions and provide long-term visibility for European production.

The signatories also point to an important policy gap. While aviation and maritime transport are supported by dedicated long-term frameworks, road transport currently lacks a comparable post-2030 structure. Accordingly, the post-2030 Renewable Energy Directive transport obligation should focus on road and rail.

The coalition supports the European Commission's efforts to simplify and improve the coherence of the future renewable energy framework. However, simplification should not come at the expense of effective decarbonisation. The organisations therefore call for the continuation of a dedicated transport obligation while preserving appropriate flexibility for Member States.

The co-signatories believe that enduring renewable transport targets are not only a climate policy instrument. They are also a strategic enabler of Europe's energy security, industrial competitiveness and resilience. Therefore, they urge the European Commission to retain dedicated and long-term transport-specific targets in the post-2030 Renewable Energy Framework, building on the elements of the current architecture that have proven successful while improving coherence, effectiveness and implementation.

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Joint Letter on RED Targets
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