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## ***The current status of biofuels in the European Union, their environmental impacts and future prospects***

Wednesday 24 April 2013 from 18:00 to 19:30 (followed by a cocktail reception)



The Centre and the European Academies Science Advisory Council ([EASAC](#)) invite you to the launch of the report ***The current status of biofuels in the European Union, their environmental impacts and future prospects***, followed by a panel debate.

The European Commission's proposal to limit the use of first-generation biofuels has fostered a vigorous policy debate amongst industry, NGOs and policymakers. As the European Parliament and Council of the EU debate how to resolve issues such as the **5% cap, the iLUC factors and biofuels' impact on agriculture**, **EASAC has taken a deeper look at biofuels in the EU.**

[EASAC's report](#) focuses on concerns around the use of biomass for producing road transport fuels and about the arrangements for ensuring that such fuels provide a real climate benefit while not harming the wider environment.

**Sir Brian Heap**, Honorary Fellow of St Edmund's College Cambridge and President of EASAC will give introductory remarks and present the findings of the report, followed by a panel discussion featuring interventions from European Commission, European Parliament, NGOs and industry.

Our expert panel:

- **Bernhard Schink**, Chair of Microbial Ecology, Limnology and General Microbiology, University of Konstanz
- **Bas Eickhout MEP**, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- **Douglas Parr**, Chief Scientific Adviser, Greenpeace UK
- **Vladimir Sucha**, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- **Raffaello Garofalo**, Secretary-General, European Biodiesel Board

The debate will be moderated by **Martin Porter**, Chair Edelman EMEA Public Affairs and General Manager Edelman Brussels.

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The event will take place at:

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