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.

To register, please send an e-mail with ‘Biofuels’ in the subject field and stating clearly your name and organisation to meet@thecentre.eu

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