



To: Energy Minister Temenouzhka Petkova - Bulgarian EU Council Presidency, European Parliament Rapporteur José Blanco López MEP

CC: EU Commissioner Arias Cañete, EU Commission Director-General Dominique Rostri, Bulgarian Deputy Energy Minister Zhecho Stankov, Deputy Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the EU Maria Koleva, Council Energy Working Group Members, Sean Kelly MEP, Fredrick Federley MEP, Claude Turmes MEP, Hans-Olaf Henkel MEP, Paloma López Bermejo MEP, Dario Tamburrano MEP, Bas Eickhout MEP, Marijana Petir MEP

Re: REDII Joint Appeal for safeguarding biomass availability by avoiding unnecessary market distortions and adhering to the waste hierarchy principles

Brussels, 2 March 2018

Dear Minister Petkova, dear MEP Blanco López,
Dear Commissioner Cañete,

The undersigning organisations would like to draw your attention to a major concern in view of the on-going trilogue negotiations on the recast of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII).

Increased union and national targets for renewable energy sources are crucial in order to mitigate climate change and to support Europe's transition to a bio-economy. As part of this transition and as noted by the European Commission and relevant stakeholders on many occasions, it is evident that the use of biomass (especially woody biomass) will increase. We see it as imperative that this Directive complements the current state aid rules in order to more specifically address and mitigate the real and disruptive effects that certain national support schemes, especially where woody biomass and mixed (municipal) waste is used for renewable electricity only (such as co-firing in coal plants), can have on established raw material markets.

We strongly welcome the European Parliament's attempts to anchor wording in Article 4 that aims at mitigating the effects of market distortions and we also strongly support the proposed wording on aligning the objectives of the Circular Economy and separate collection of waste, thus promoting resource efficient use of renewable raw materials.

We kindly urge the Council and Parliament negotiators to find and agree on a workable legal text that adheres to the above mentioned concerns and that is then secured in the final text.

Yours sincerely,

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European Compost Network (ECN)
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
European Furniture Industries Federation (EFIC)
European Wood-Based Panels Federation (EPF)
European Producers of Laminate Flooring (EPLF)
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