

**Question for written answer E-002866/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increase in the bioethanol blending rate under the Fuel Quality Directive

In a recent letter reported in the press (April 2026), Ursula von der Leyen indicated that the Commission was in favour of revising the Fuel Quality Directive, which, notably, imposes a 10 % limit on the incorporation of bioethanol in petrol (E10) sold to consumers. This limit hinders the development of vehicles compatible with petrol with higher incorporation rates (E20, for example). Increasing this limit would strengthen the European biofuel sector and its agricultural and industrial jobs, encourage manufacturers to adopt these alternative solutions, and contribute to the security of energy supply in Europe. However, this potential revision has not yet been the subject of any official communication from the Commission.

The Commission is therefore invited to answer the following questions:

1. Does it intend to present a proposal amending the Fuel Quality Directive in the near future? If so, according to what timetable?
2. Given that the Renewable Energy Directive III stipulates that up to 29 % of the energy in transport fuels must come from renewable sources by 2030, what additional measures is it planning to take to develop ethanol production and achieve this ambitious target?

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