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The Commission recognises the very positive role of labels as a way of certifying and promoting sustainable practices in different policy areas. The certification envisaged under the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) III¹ and secondary legislation aims at ensuring that the fuels certified comply with the applicable sustainability criteria. The process of certification takes into account all available information at the level of the economic operators concerned. Therefore, a label being awarded to an economic operator on some of the elements of the RED sustainability criteria would facilitate or have a positive effect on the process of RED certification.

However, accepting a label as equivalent to a RED certification would be possible only if the criteria and methodology used as well as the certification process established under that label are the same as the criteria, methodology and process used for the certification of the same material or fuel under the certification framework established under the RED. The Commission is in principle open to consider, in cooperation with the certification schemes, whether existing labels could qualify and be fully or to some extent considered under the RED certification.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32023L2413&qid=1699364355105>.