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The Fuel Quality Directive¹ sets minimum quality requirements for petrol and diesel fuels placed on the EU market with the aim to establish a single fuel market. Currently, the maximum permitted ethanol content in petrol is set at 10% (E10). The Commission acknowledges the role that higher biofuel blends can play to decarbonise the existing vehicles fleets. In the context of the revision of the fuels-related policy framework, the Commission will look into the possibility to enable the higher blends, E20 for example, taking into account possible issues related to engines compatibility as well as the need to incentivise investments in advanced biofuels.

Under the Renewable Energy Directive², it is for Member States, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, to decide how to meet the 2030 transport target. The Commission continues to support all renewable transport solutions, such as certified biofuel feedstocks, advancing electrification and strengthening the overall framework for renewable energy in transport.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/30/oj/eng>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/2413/oj/eng>.