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**Press Statement**  
**FEDIOL Reaction to the European Parliament vote on the Renewable Energy Directive III**

***Brussels, 13 September 2023 – FEDIOL reiterates its support to the provisional agreement, which recognises the role of crop-based biofuels in meeting the EU’s transport renewable energy target and increases the EU’s overall ambition to boost renewable energy sources.***

The European Parliament’s approval of the agreement reached between the co-legislators on the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED III) confirms the complementary and needed role of crop-based biofuels in contributing to the EU’s transport renewable energy mix, a satisfactory outcome which Member States should make use of to meet their targets and support farmers’ incomes.

Overall, the raised ambition and target of 14.5% GHG intensity reduction or 29% renewable energy consumption in the transport sector will allow sustainable renewable energy sources to reinforce their contribution to the EU’s energy mix and support the attainment of the EU’s plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 55% by 2030.

Another key achievement of the compromise text is the maintenance of the possibility for farmers to use NUTS II values to calculate their GHG emission reductions, which can spare small and medium-size farms the additional and disproportionate administrative burden that individual farm-based calculations would have represented.

However, the Commission has recently indicated that Member States’ NUTS II values are now outdated, since the transposition date of RED II expired in June 2021, which implies that any new values must be based on the modified calculation methodology under the RED II. Given that the calculation of new values may take months to years, FEDIOL urges the Commission to address this gap as soon as possible, namely by:

- Identifying solutions for a transition period.
- Accelerating the process to recognise new reports by EU Member States.

In parallel, we call on the Member States to submit their reports as soon as possible for recognition by the Commission. FEDIOL remains available to discuss constructive solutions to this gap, without which farmers risk losing revenues.

We look forward to the Council’s formal adoption of this Directive.

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**FEDIOL is the European association representing the vegetable oil and protein meal industry.** The sector covers more than 180 facilities belonging to ±70 companies in 17 EU countries and directly employs 20,000 people. Its members process oilseeds, refine and bottle vegetable oils.

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