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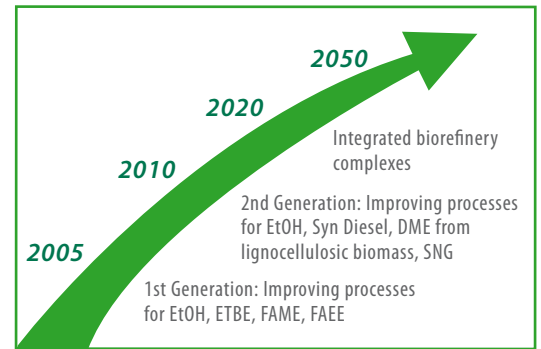
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Biofuels TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

Vision

By 2030, the European Union covers as much as one fourth of its road transport fuel needs by clean and CO₂-efficient biofuels. A major part is provided by a competitive European industry. This significantly decreases the EU fossil fuel import dependence. Biofuels are produced by sustainable & innovative technologies creating opportunities for biomass providers, biofuel producers and the auto industry.



The creation of the Biofuels Technology Platform

- **Contributes** to the development of cost-competitive world-class technologies
- **Creates** a healthy European biofuels industry
- **Establishes** a public-private partnership in the interests of all stakeholders
- **Provides guidance** on and promotion of relevant Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D)
- **Elaborates** a Strategic Research Agenda identifying key RD&D activities to achieve the Vision 2030
- **Provides** a reliable source of information on biofuels development in the EU

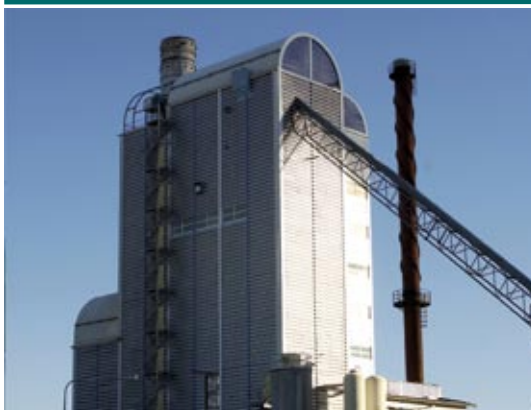
The Biofuels Technology Platform is managed by a Steering Committee and supported by the Secretariat, partly funded by the Commission. The main actions will be performed by five working groups.

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END USE



SUSTAINABILITY

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The European Union is strongly dependent on fossil fuels for its transport needs. To reduce this the EU has adopted measures to encourage the use of biofuels. These include the:

- *Biofuels Directive* (2003/30/EC)
- *Biomass Action Plan* (COM(2005) 628)
- *Strategy for Biofuels* (COM(2006) 34)
- Priority for biofuels research in the 7th RTD Framework Programmes

To further develop biofuels the Commission established a Biofuels Research Advisory Council. The final report 'Biofuels in the EU - A vision for 2030 and beyond' (EUR 22066) recommended the creation of a Technology Platform for Biofuels.

