

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE POWERFUELS BRIEF

Implementation of the RED II  
in EU Member States



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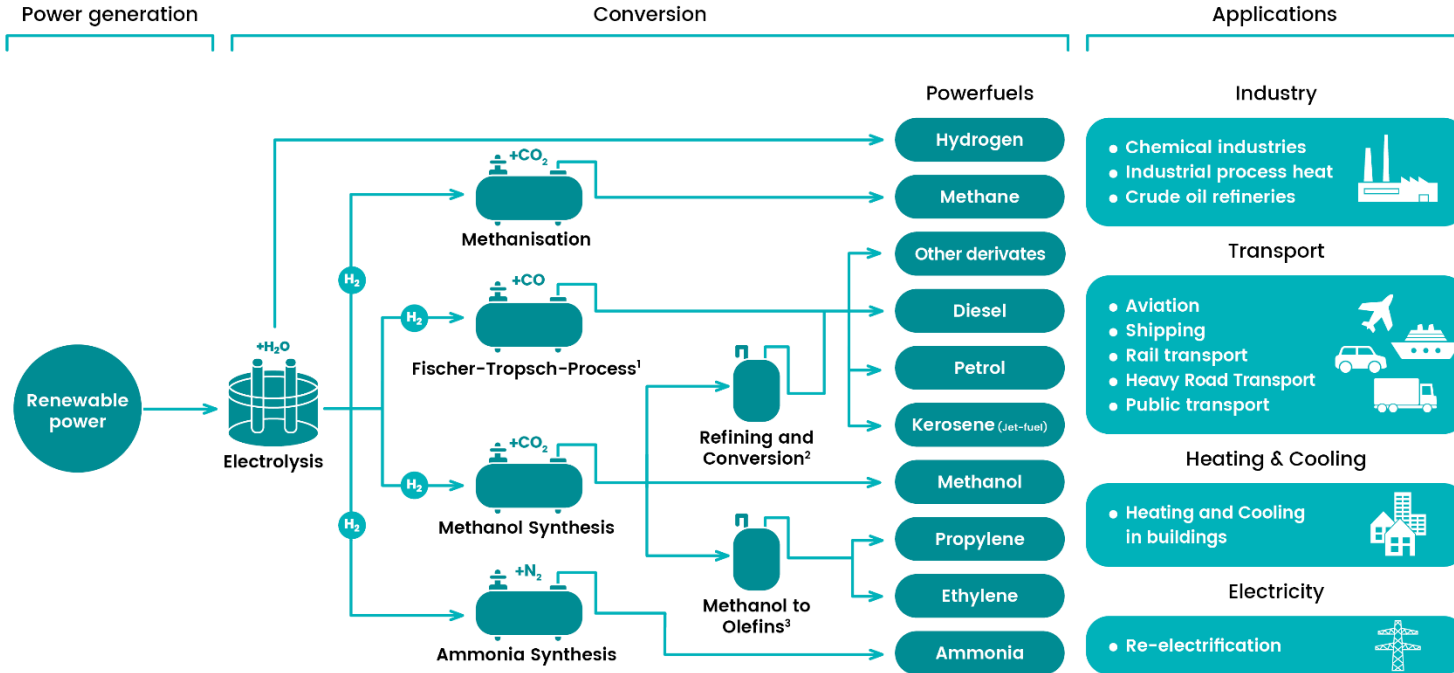
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# What are powerfuels?



<sup>1</sup> Includes: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, hydrocracking, isomerization and distillation.

<sup>2</sup> Includes: DME/OME synthesis, olefin synthesis, oligomerisation and hydrotreating.

<sup>3</sup> Methanol-to-olefins process.

# Global Alliance Powerfuels – What we do

## Advocacy & Communication



## Policy & Regulation



## Global Project Development



# Our Members



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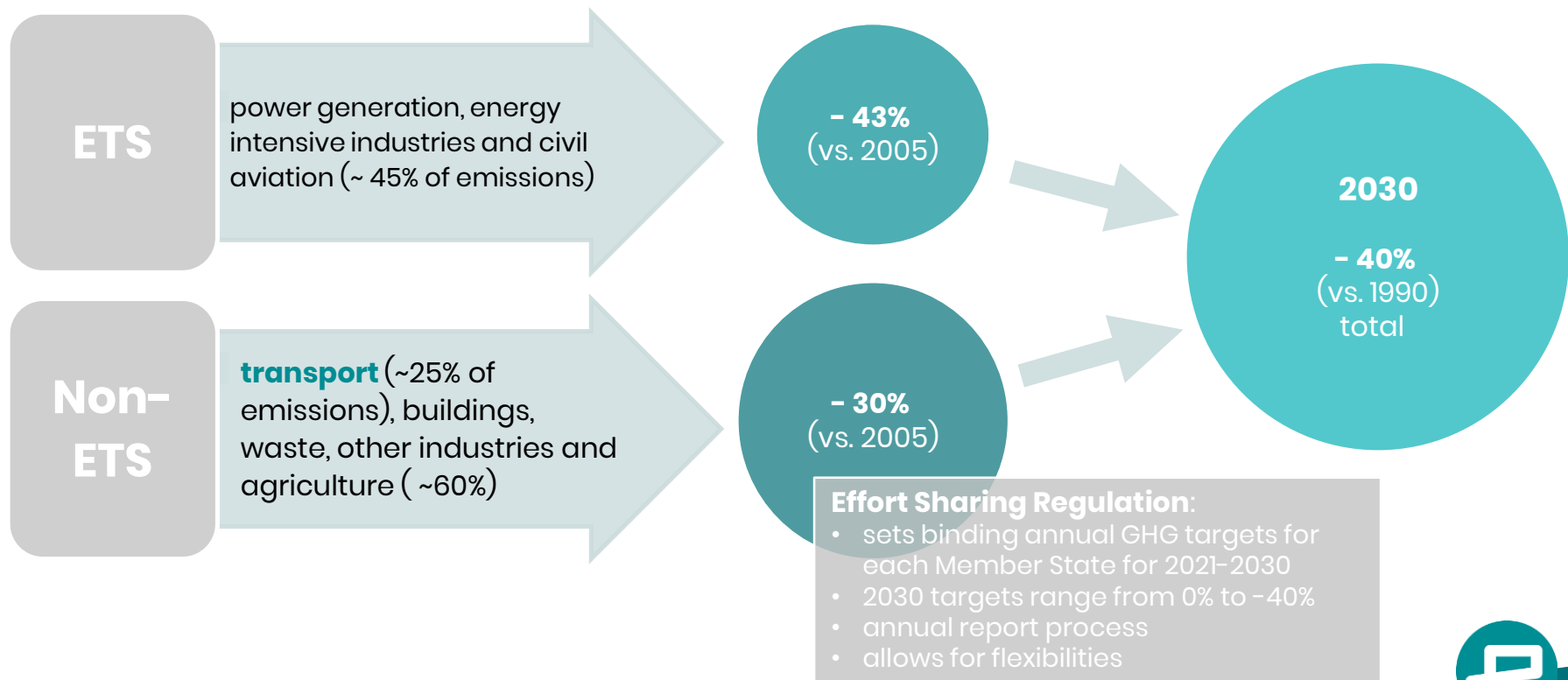
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# EU obligations for the transport sector



# Context: EU climate goals and differentiation between ETS and non-ETS sectors



# Context: Relevant EU policies

## ESR

Effort Sharing  
Regulation

- Sets binding annual GHG reduction targets for each Member State for 2021-2030
- 2030 targets range from 0% to -40%

## FQD

Fuel Quality  
Directive

- Set 6% GHG intensity reduction of transport fuels by 2020 (baseline: 94,1 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ)
- Currently under review until 2021

## ETD

Energy Taxation  
Directive

- Establishes min. excise duty rates for fuel and transport
- Under review until June 2021
- contains incentives for fossil fuels

## CVD

Clean Vehicles  
Directive

- Sets national targets for the public procurement of clean vehicles
- Needs to be transposed into national law by 2 August 2021

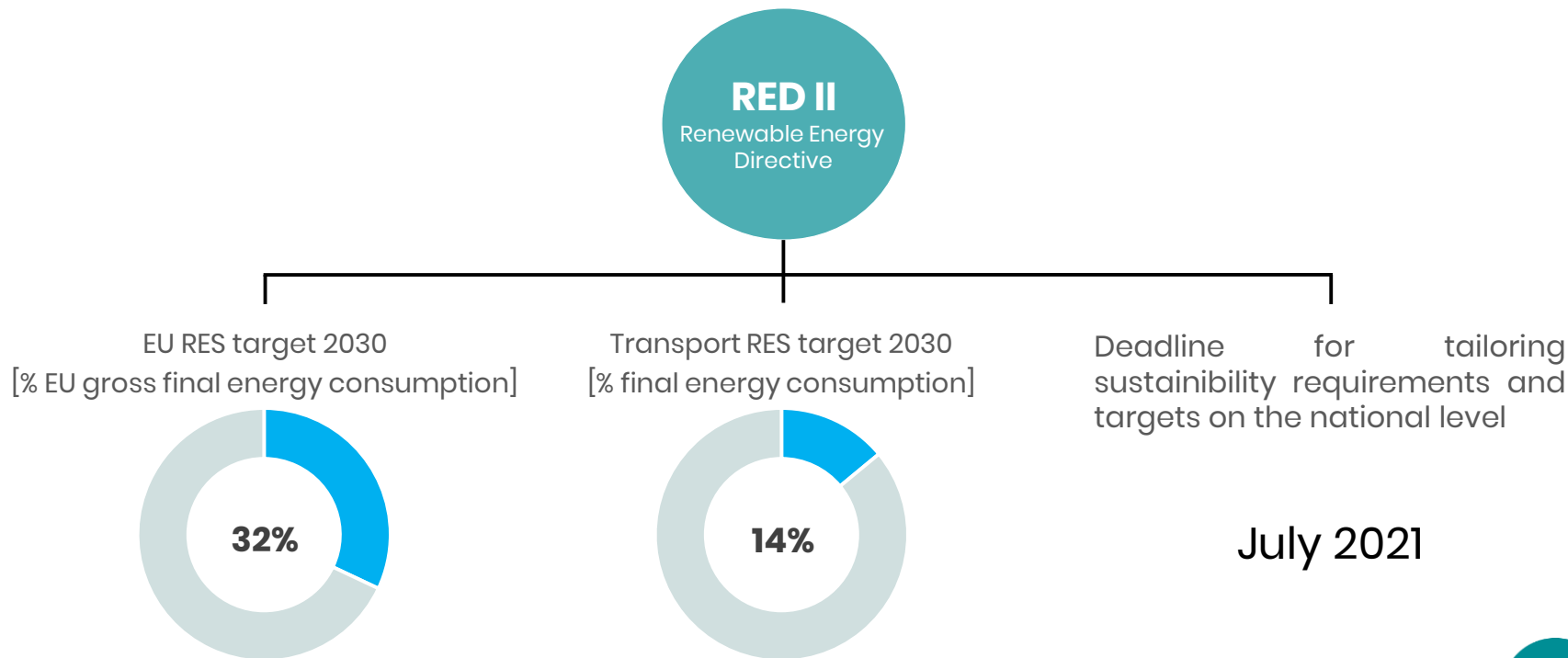
## Fleet Regulation

(EU) 2019/631  
(EU) 2019/1242

- Sets fleet-wide average CO<sub>2</sub> intensity reduction targets for passenger cars, vans, and HDV<sup>1</sup>
- Reductions first measured 2025



# The role of the RED II for the non-ETS transport sector



# RED II crediting mechanisms and criteria for different fuels

Type of fuel	Min. GHG reduction	Cap or quota	Multiplier	Additional
Conventional biofuels	50 – 65%, depending on plant operation starting date	Cap: 7%, and 0% in 2030 for high ILUC risk biofuels	–	If member state decides to lower the limit, the respective percentage points will be deducted from the 14% target.
Advanced biofuels	50 – 65%, depending on plant operation starting date	Min. quota: 0.2% (2022), 1% (2025), 3.5% (2030) (w/o multiplier)	2x	
Waste-based biofuels	50 – 65%, depending on plant operation starting date	Cap: 1.7% (w/o multiplier)	2x	Possibility of elevating cap if justified by member state in accordance to RED II and approved by the Commission.
Renewable Fuels of Non-biological origin / RFNBOs	70%, from January 2021	–	–	Sustainability criteria for electricity sources: renewability, temporal and geographical correlation, and additionality
Recycled carbon fuels / RCFs	Not yet defined	–	–	Optional; can be credited toward the 14% target but not the overall 32% goal



# What are important policy signals in the RED II?



## Ends explicit support for conventional biofuels

- Cap (7%), no binding target and no multiplier for conventional biofuels

## Greater flexibility in achieving target

- More diversity of fuels to choose from

## Acknowledges potential of powerfuels in mitigating GHG emissions

- Additional fuel category of **RFNBOs are eligible**
- But not put on equal footing with alternative fuels (no multiplier, nor quota, stricter GHG reduction standards)

## Climate impact is unclear

- fuels are only creditable in compliance with GHG reduction standards
- But due to use of multipliers credited renewable energy shares **do not reflect actual energetic share**



# RED II delegated acts and legislative timeline



Delegated act art. 25 RCFs	1 Jan 2021
RED II national implementation	30 Jun 2021
Delegated acts art. 27, 28, Annex IX	31 Dec 2021

## **Relevant for powerfuels:**

Art. 28: specifying the methodology for assessing GHG emissions savings from RFNBOs and RCFs

Art. 27: sustainability criteria for electricity sources of RFNBOs



# Status Quo of the REDII Implementation in EU Member States



# Current RE Shares in Transport in EU Member States

Relative renewable energy shares  
in transport in 2018

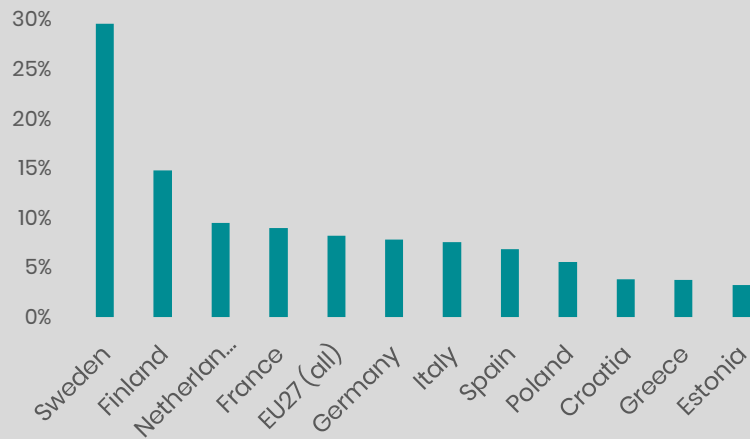


Figure: Relative shares of renewable fuels using crediting multipliers in selected EU member states in 2018 based on Eurostat data

Renewable fuels in transport in  
2018

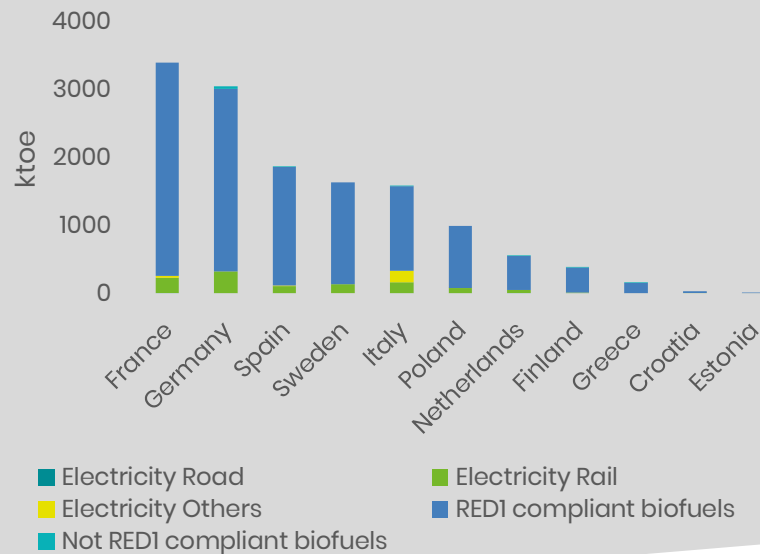
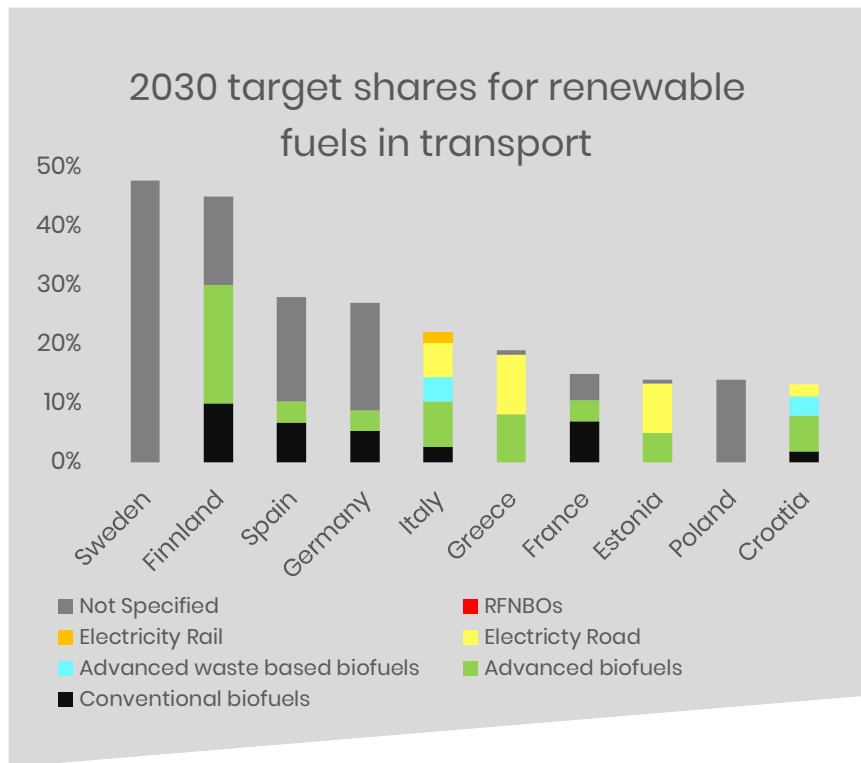


Figure: Absolute renewable fuel consumption of selected EU member states in 2018 based on Eurostat data (w/o multipliers)



# RE Share Targets in Transport in 2030



## In 2030:

- + Different overall ambition levels
- + More diverse RE fuel mix
- + Biofuels are less dominant in the fuel mix
- + Direct use of ren. electricity in road transport will contribute large shares
- + Large shares of the RE targets are not specified yet
- + No targets for RFNBOs in place

Figure: 2030 targets of selected EU member states for relative shares of renewable fuels using crediting multipliers based on the NECPs published in June 2020



# National Policy Overview

## Biofuels



- + Well established policy frameworks for biofuels in place in all of the selected member states
- + Existing policies have not yet been adapted to the REDII
- + All of the selected member states promote the use of biofuels

## Electricity



- + Key role for increasing the share of RE in the transport sector
- + Most member states have ambitions to increase the share of electricity from RE sources in road transport
- + Strategic goals, policies and measures are in place

## RFNBOs



- + Specific targets for RFNBOs in the NECPs of some member states (Italy, France)
- + Some member states recognize RFNBOs in their NECPs as an option for increasing RE share in sector
- + Unspecified target shares of RE in transport offer opportunities for RFNBOs as fulfillment option



# Conclusion

- The **transposition of REDII** into national policies and measures is still **pending**
- Most **EU member states focus** on the direct use of **electricity and biofuels** in road transport
- In **some** member states, low **ambitions for** the use of **RFNBOs** are mentioned in the NECPs and hydrogen strategies exist
- Large **unspecified RE shares within** the **2030 targets** are an **opportunity for RFNBOs**



# Options for the market development of powerfuels



# Measures for the market development of powerfuels

## National transposition

	Effective	Efficient	Coherent	Implementable	Overall
National energy target for powerfuels					
Higher total national energy target					
National GHG reduction target					
Full crediting Powerfuels in co-processing & substitution of fossil H <sub>2</sub>					

## Amendments to the RED II

Energy quota for powerfuels					
Multiplier for powerfuels					

**Context:** On august 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, the European Commission opened a public review process to discuss a possible revision of the RED II. Amendments to the text creating EU-wide conditions favourable to the development of powerfuels are possible.

# Proposal and discussion



# Proposal of the Global Alliance Powerfuels

An **energy quota for powerfuels** should be **included in the RED II** through the European Commission's ongoing revision process.

The value of the quota should:

- Be aligned with supranational GHG goals in and beyond 2030
- Translate into production volumes high enough to allow for powerfuels to reach cost-competitiveness with other alternative fuels
- Consider the project development lead times and the projected availability of RFNBOs



# Proposal of the Global Alliance Powerfuels (cont.)

**Member states** should set **higher national energy targets** compared to the ones declared in their NECPs.

Specifically:

- In combination with an adequate multiplier, the additional portion of the target creates room for the adoption of powerfuels
- Such a measure would create a market-based incentive to adopt powerfuels, due to the capped or limited availability of other fuels



# Proposal of the Global Alliance Powerfuels (cont.)

A **multiplier for powerfuels** should be **included in the RED II** through the European Commission's ongoing revision process.

The value of the multiplier should:

- Reflect the GHG and environmental performance of RFNBOs vis-à-vis with other alternative fuels
- allow for increased competitiveness of RFNBOs compared to other fulfillment options

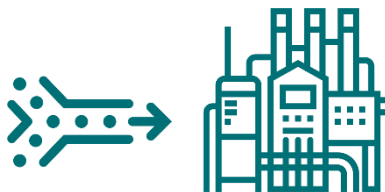


# Proposal of the Global Alliance Powerfuels (cont.)

The **use of powerfuels**, and the **resulting GHG reduction** should be **recognised** in **refineries**. The resulting GHG emission reduction should be creditable to transport fuels only.

Specifically:

- The **GHG reduction potential** of powerfuels **should be recognised** when used as co-processing feedstock
- The **GHG reduction potential** of **low-carbon hydrogen** **should be recognized** when used as production feedstock, for **both conventional and advanced fuels**



# Thank you for your attention



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# Backup: National transposition of the RED II in its current form

Instrument	Type of incentive	Effect for Powerfuels Market Development, and Risks
National energy target for powerfuels	Direct	Predictable market ramp-up, and investment security for stakeholders. Challenge lies in balancing the quota between being effective and achievable
Higher total national energy target	Indirect	Other fulfilment options available at lower cost, therefore effect uncertain. However, if combined with appropriate multiplier, it could result in a stronger incentive, especially considering the limited availability of other fulfilment options
National GHG reduction target	Indirect	Other fulfilment options available at lower cost, therefore effect uncertain. However, a <u>dedicated</u> GHG quota nested within the national target would be a stronger, direct incentive.
Fully crediting Powerfuels in co-processing, and in substitution of fossil-based H <sub>2</sub>	Direct	Generates interest from fuel producer side, can foster development of green hydrogen capacity. Exceeding refinery output used in transport sector, emissions reductions would accrue to other sectors. Direct use of green hydrogen could, as cheapest option, hinder the development of syncrude plants if energy or GHG target too low.

## Backup: Possible future amendments to the RED II

Instrument	Type of incentive	Effect for Powerfuels Market Development, and Risks
Energy quota for powerfuels	Direct	Other fulfilment options available at lower cost, therefore effect uncertain
Multiplier for powerfuels	Direct	<p>A multiplier reduces the GHG reduction per unit of accounted energy. Therefore a proportionally higher energy target would be needed to ensure same GHG reduction.</p> <p>Too low of a value would not incentivize powerfuels, while too high of a value would over-incentivize them.</p>

