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The Bioenergy Association of Finland supports a well-prepared transition towards EU's climate neutrality by 2050. Climate change is a transboundary problem, where coordinated EU action can supplement and reinforce national and local action efficiently.

We appreciate this important initiative to the Amendment of the Regulation setting CO2 emission standards for cars and vans. The EU should make the most out of this upcoming revision. Transport is the only economic sector whose greenhouse gas emissions are higher than in 1990. The emissions are also growing. Hence transport has to contribute to the overall emission reduction of at least 55% by 2030 as set out in the Commission Communication on stepping up the EU's 2030 climate ambition.

The revised CO2 standards will also contribute to modernise and make the automotive value chain more sustainable. Accounting for Tank-To-Wheel emissions fails to recognise and therefore incentivise better fuels with lower Well-to-Tank performance and biogenic energy content. This should be corrected, as better fuels provide benefits to new and existing vehicles.

Biofuels are an immediate and cost-effective tool to reduce emissions of the existing and future light vehicles, in particular considering their number and lifespan in the vehicle stock. Their use should not artificially be limited to transport modes that cannot be electrified. Growing production of biofuels enables later a faster development in aviation and maritime transport. Such an approach will ensure a holistic approach to road transport decarbonization.

We welcome the initiative of a new mechanism to take into account the potential contribution of renewable and low-carbon fuels when determining manufacturers' compliance with their targets, including the option of voluntary crediting mechanism. The concept of having a crediting system could allow fuels suppliers and car manufacturers to synergise and boost the demand of renewable fuels and the decarbonisation of transport. Renewable and low-carbon fuels (such as sustainable biogas, biomethane and biofuels, renewable and low-carbon hydrogen or synthetic fuels) should be taken into account, as long as they meet the minimum sustainability criteria set under the Renewable Energy Directive.

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