

Recommendations and lessons learnt from Global-Bio-Pact

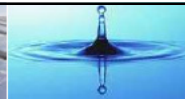


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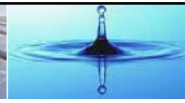


Socio-economic aspects in the RED (2009; Article 17(7))

“...The Commission shall, **every two years, report to the European Parliament and the Council on the impact on social sustainability** ...

- on the impact of Community biofuel policy on the availability of foodstuffs at affordable prices, in particular for people living in developing countries,
- and wider development issues.
- Reports shall address the respect of land-use rights.
- They shall state, ... whether the country has ratified and implemented each of the following Conventions of the International Labour Organisation:
- reports shall state..., whether the country has ratified and implemented: (Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

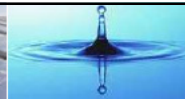
The first report shall be submitted in 2012. The Commission shall, if appropriate, **propose corrective action**, in particular if evidence shows that biofuel production has a significant impact on food prices.”



ILO Conventions

“...whether the country has ratified and implemented each of the following Conventions of the International Labour Organisation:

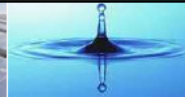
- Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour (No 29)
- Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise (No 87)
- Convention concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively (No 98)
- Convention concerning Equal Remuneration of Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value (No 100)
- Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour (No 105)
- Convention concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation (No 111)
- Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment (No 138)
- Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (No 182).”



Amendment of the RED

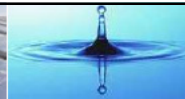
In October 2012, the EC published a proposal for an amended RED (COM2012 595, 2012):

- encourage a greater market penetration of advanced (low-ILUC) biofuels (allowing to contribute more to the targets in the RED than conventional biofuels)
- Biofuels from “food crops, such as those based on cereals and other starch rich crops, sugars and oil crops” shall be limited to 5%
- The EC may decide that voluntary national or international schemes contain accurate data for the purposes of information on measures taken ...on the issues **referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 17(7)**.



Options for addressing socio-economic impacts in the RED

- A) Keeping the status-quo - taking no action
- B) Specify, extend, and enforce monitoring procedures
- C) Include selected socio-economic criteria in the RED
- D) Include measures at national levels
- E) Extend the promotion of good examples to the public



Recommendations (draft)

- The **EU** should implement a **Monitoring and Evaluation System** at the regional (national) scale.
- A mandatory **Monitoring and Evaluation** obligation should be introduced on selected socio-economic impacts for biomass and bioenergy **companies**. Thereby, biomass and bioenergy companies shall be obliged to publish the results of this monitoring.
- An amendment of the RED should **specify in more detail the socio-economic requirements**, including more details on the reporting obligation of the EC to the EP.
- It should be assessed if the ratification and implementation of the mentioned **ILO Conventions could be a precondition** for the use of biomass and bioenergy in the EU.



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