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Europe-wide consumer poll: 69 per cent in favour of increased use of biofuels.

The German Bioethanol Industry Association (BDB^e) announces the markedly positive attitude to plant-based biofuels revealed by a Europe-wide opinion poll. 69 per cent of the consumers surveyed in the 28 EU Member States are in favour of increased use of these biofuels, with only 15 per cent opposed and 16 per cent with no opinion on the topic.

Responses from 11,283 participants in the 28 EU Member States were analysed in the [poll](#) commissioned by the European Renewable Ethanol Association (ePURE).

In Germany the majority of poll participants (61 per cent) supports the use of biofuels, 23 per cent are opposed and 16 per cent have no opinion on the topic. In France 73 per cent of consumers are in favour of biofuels, 13 per cent are against and 14 per cent of respondents have no view.

Dietrich Klein, Secretary General of BDBe, comments that the more positive consumer attitude to biofuels in France as compared with Germany reflects an information shortfall in the latter country. "The results of the survey show that consumers in France are better informed than consumers in Germany about the positive contribution bioethanol makes to combatting climate change. German consumers do not realise how much bioethanol reduces CO2 emissions. As noted in the 2015 [Evaluation Report from the German Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food \(BLE\)](#), thanks to the aggregate effect of bioethanol contained in various petrol types, greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by 70 per cent in 2015 compared with the levels from use of the same amount of energy from fossil petrol. Consumers are not aware either that this enabled total savings of 1.8 million tons of climate-damaging CO2 emissions in the transport sector." Klein points out that this information shortfall has a pronounced negative impact on climate protection: "The market share of Super E10, which is by far the most environmentally

friendly and climate-friendly fuel, is currently 12.6 per cent in Germany, which is considerably lower than the 40 per cent share it has achieved in France. By adopting Super E10 as the standard petrol type, along with Super Plus, an additional 1.2 million tons of CO2 emissions could have been avoided in the transport sector in 2015.+

For more information on the poll methodology and responses to the individual questions (in English): [Poll results by question](#)

Bioethanol is the most widespread biofuel in the world and also an important component of sustainable mobility in Germany. The German Bioethanol Industry Association (BDBe) represents the interests of the biofuel sector's member companies and associations, spanning agricultural production of the raw materials all the way to industrial production and processing of bioethanol and all by-products (DDGS, CDS, biogenic carbon dioxide, gluten, yeast, biomethane, organic fertiliser).

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