

Press Release



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RECORD GROWTH IN BIOETHANOL FUEL PRODUCTION 2005

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The year 2005 showed in the European Union a record production of just over 900 million litres of bioethanol for fuel use. This represents an impressive increase of 73% compared with 2004 production.

Like in 2004 the highest production was achieved in Spain. But the most important growth happened in Germany with up to 165 million litres from just 25 million litres in 2004. Also in France we have seen a strong growth because of additional government support measures.

Last year due to strong overproduction in the wine sector the volume of wine alcohol sold for fuel almost doubled. The increase in Swedish and the entire Finnish production came directly from this source.

Also there was an increase in number of Member States producing bioethanol fuel be it relatively modest. The number went up from 8 to 11.

EU consumption of bioethanol fuel in 2005 is estimated at just over 1,150 million litres. Major countries of import were Sweden and the UK.

In 2006 production will further increase as new production capacity has already come on-stream. Major progress is expected in 2007 when a number of new plants will start producing and the effects of mandatory use of biofuels in a number of Member States will become visible.

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Table 1: comparison 2004 and 2005 production

Country	2005	2004
Spain	303	254
Germany	165	25
Sweden*	153	71
France	144	101
Poland	64	48
Hungary	35	0
Finland	13	3
Latvia	12	12
Lithuania	8	0
Netherlands	8	14
Italy	8	0
Total	913	528

In million litres

** About 90 mln litres is based on wine alcohol purchases.*

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eBIO is a non-profit European industry association under Belgium law. It is fostering bioethanol fuel production and use in the EU as well as advocating the proper legal and regulatory framework. eBIO was Founded in May 2005 and has 21 members.

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