



## **Workshop**

# **'Biodiesel and other Biofuels for smaller EU Member States'**

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**Malta**

## **Programme Concept**

**Workshop Venue:** *Project House, Ministry for Resources and Infrastructure, Floriana*

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### **Workshop Objectives**

The main objective of this workshop is to inform stakeholders in Malta about biofuels and more specifically about biodiesel as sustainable and efficient transport fuel. This will include biodiesel production, legal issues, policies, and environmental impacts.

Special emphasis will be given to opportunities for using biodiesel and other biofuels in Malta and in other smaller EU Member States. These opportunities will be presented by biofuel experts and discussed among workshop participants.

This workshop is organised in the framework of the Carbon Labelling Project under the "Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme" of the European Commission.

## The Carbon Labelling Project

### Carbon Labelling Objectives

The Carbon Labelling project implements several labelling initiatives in Europe focussing on products and services with low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



The project promotes biodiesel, fuel efficiency improvements and 'low carbon' freight services. This first European carbon labelling initiative helps meeting greenhouse gas reduction targets of the European Union, reduces petroleum dependence and helps to combat climate change.

A dedicated task of the Carbon Labelling project is to support and promote biodiesel to smaller EU member states like Malta. This workshop will contribute to meet Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation targets of the European Union and Malta.

### Carbon Labelling Activities

- A concept will be developed to overcome barriers to biodiesel use in smaller EU Member States like Malta by pre-blending diesel with biodiesel.
- A review of carbon life cycle studies will provide scientific backing for the quantification of carbon reductions on labels.
- An international Advisory Board of experts will be set up to provide advice and recommendations for this pilot labelling initiative.
- The German fuel distributor Q1 will implement a carbon labelling pilot programme for biodiesel (B 100) and additives at its fuel stations to provide information to consumers about environmental and economic benefits.
- A pilot labelling programme for 'low carbon' freight carriers will promote truck and horticultural companies using higher blends of biodiesel and additives.
- A dissemination strategy will inform stakeholders and consumers about this labelling initiative and motivate farmers, producers and policy makers to discuss pathways for lowering carbon emissions in the transport sector.



Project Homepage: [www.co2star.eu](http://www.co2star.eu)

## **Workshop Organisation**

This international workshop is organised by the Malta Resources Authority, Malta and WIP Renewable Energies, Germany in the framework of the **project CARBON LABELLING, funded by the European Commission (Intelligent Energy for Europe Programme)**.

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Participants of this CARBON LABELLING workshop will include biofuel experts (researchers, technologists), policymakers, investors, students, consumers and other interested stakeholders from Europe.

