Biodiesel: First and Second Generation

Tortona — April 4, 2011



OXEM: Overview

→ Year of establishment: 2006

→ Investment: 50 M €

→ Capacity: 200,000 tons/year

→ Technology provider: Desmet-Ballestra

→ Start-up: January 2009





OXEM: Localization

OXEM biodiesel plant in Mezzana Bigli (PV)







OXEM: Strenghts to play on

- Shareholders with industrial links and very supportive (oil industry, logistics, agriculture), keeping up the information flow.
- Management team expertise (chemical, agro-business and project finance experience) and all involved as investors.
- Oxem-Oleo partnership (Oxem and Wilmar) for logistics and raw material/BD procurement
- Consolidated state of the art technology provider and R&D commitment thanks to the cooperation with DesmetBallestra
- Location advantages:
 - → proximity to ENI largest oil refinery directly connected to OXEM biodiesel plant via pipeline
 - → integration with OXON chemical know-how and facilities
 - → agricultural area to develop rapeseed crop (formerly sugarbeet)



RENEWABLE ENERGY DIRECTIVE 2009-28

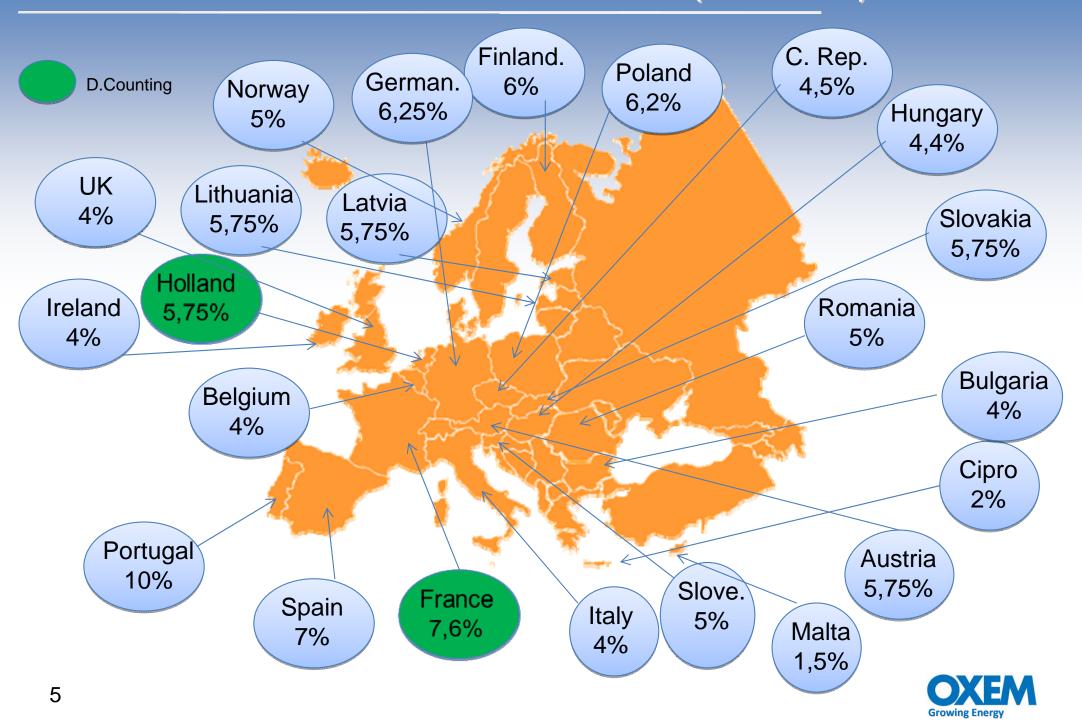
- 1. Mandatory blending of sustainable biofuels into fossil fuels
- 2. Biofuel incorporation target by 2020 \rightarrow 10%
- 3. Sustainability criteria
 - ✓ obligatory minimum GreenHouseGas saving (min 35% by 2013, later growing to 60%)
 - ✓ restrictions on land use for growing biofuels crops (ie non deforested land)
- 4. Intermediate targets defined at Member State Level



Mandatory blending = increasing demand

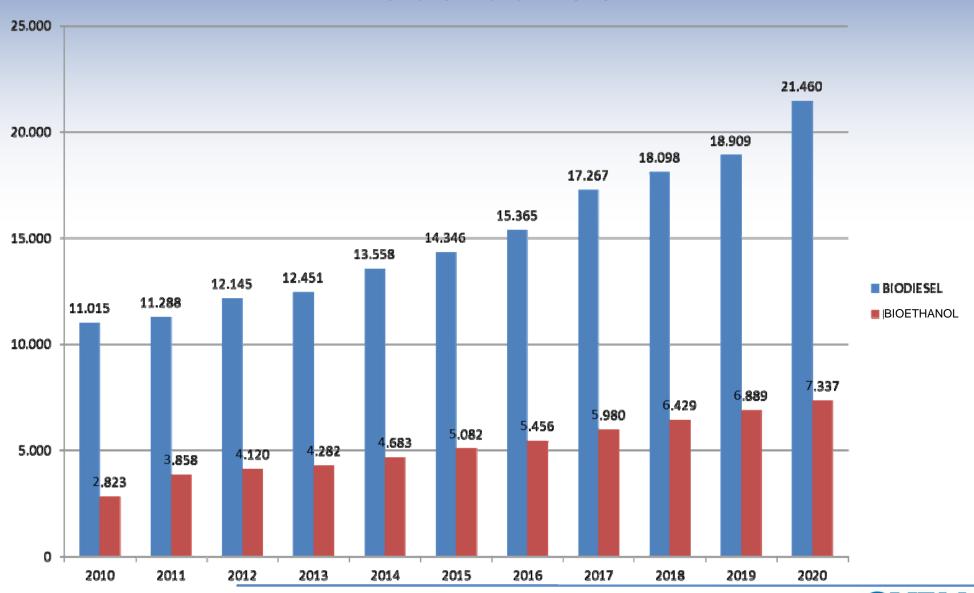


EU-27: BIOFUELS BLENDING MANDATES (JAN 2011)



EU BIOFUEL CONSUMPTION TARGET

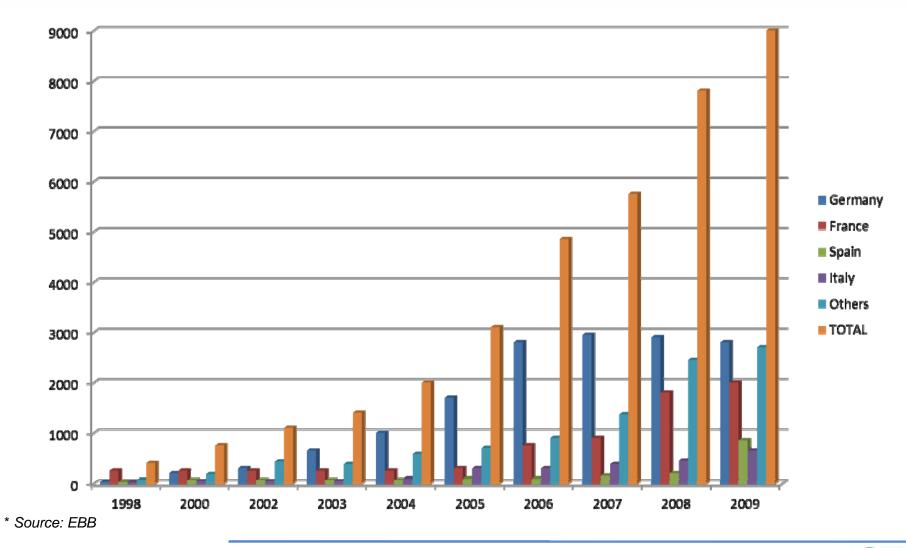
27 National Action Plans





EU BIODIESEL PRODUCTION EXPANSION (X1.000TONS)

Achieved 9Mtons in 2009 → averaging +37% increase each year





WORLD SUPPLY / DEMAND (2010 - Mtons)

COUNTRY	PRODUCTION	CONSUMPTION
EU	9	11,6
<u>USA</u>	1,3	0,6
BRAZIL	1,8	1,8
<u>ARGENTINA</u>	2	0,6
<u>SE ASIA</u>	1,5	1
ROW	0,5	0,5
TOTAL	16,1	16,1

- EU represents 80% of world consumption
- All exports are towards EU (2,6 Mtons in 2010)
- 90% of the exports of Argentina is for the MED (Italy + Spain)



EU BIODIESEL CAPACITY

• 220 plants in total

• Today there are only 80 active "producing" plants

• 9 Mtons production vs 16/18 Mtons nominal capacity \rightarrow capacity utilization about 50%



Italian Biodiesel sector:

LEGISLATION				
1993-2007	No excise duty, presence of quota system: max 250ktons			
2007	"Legge finanziaria 2007" mandatory blending system in place: 2% biodiesel starting 2008 incremented on a yearly base → integration with EU produced feedstock (filiera nazionale)			
2009	EU RED 2009/28 target 2020 → 10% biofuels in transportation			
2010	"Legge finanziaria 2010" quota system down from 250ktons to 18ktons but mandatory blending increase: 3,5% in 2010			
	 4,0% in 2011 4,5% in 2012 			
	• 5,0% in 2013 (part of DL 3-March-2011)			
2011	 "Decreto Legislativo 3 March 2011", n. 28 transposing EU RED 2009/28 EU produced feedstock counts higher toward mandatory target (10% circa) Other then waste and residues, also "non alimentary feedstock" counts double toward mandatory target 			



MARKET DISTORTIONS

USA

- B99 → blending credit 300\$/ton (1 \$/gallon)extended
- EU antidumping and countervailing duties
- Circumvention through document's exchange touching base in non US/EU countries (Canada, India etc)

ARGENTINA

- DET: differential export tax (32% soybean oil vs 20% soybean biodiesel)
- 150 \$/t → advantage
- But no legal way to stop it

MALAYSIA/INDONESIA

 Monthly modification to ExportTax (DET: currently 25% palmoil vs 10% palm biodiesel)



MARKET PROSPECTS

- Biofuel sector will probably stay in stormy weather for a few years, but will continue to grow (at least 1 Mtons/year in EU) and professionalize (consolidation/improvements)
- Second generation biofuels (from waste and from nonfood crops) will be relatively limited but important competitive advantage
- RED: biofuels from waste and residues count double vs mandatory volume
- "Waste" feedstock need severe pretreatment and/or distillation
- Distillation will be further required with new biodiesel quality EN specs



Double counting is an opportunity for the biodiesel players



MARKET FOCUS – DOUBLE COUNTING

- Biodiesel producers group:
 - ✓ A: integrated agribusiness, large multinationals (ADM, Bunge, Cargill, Dreyfus, Diester)
 - ✓ B: independent, midsize, innovators
 - ✓ C: too weak, will disappear
- Double Counting major opportunity for B group: 10/15 companies/plants
- UCOs availability: 600/800 ktons
- Animal fats: 1.000/2.000 ktons

10/15% max of EU biodiesel will be double counting

- Double counting biodiesel could generate
 - ✓ Extra 50€/ton margin



DOUBLE COUNTING --> JATROPHA & ALGAE (!?)









HIGHLIGHTS JATROPHA: hectares cultivated???

SOURCE	SURFACE (kha)	YEAR I	N. PROJECTS	METHODOLOGY
GEXSI	936-1.011	2008	242	survey
D10ILS	234	2009	1/4 of market	self-declaration
JBOOK	197	2009	130	self-declaration

- GEXSI survey → done on 2008...high estimations
- Jatrophabook → direct verification, strong focus private and NGO's projects, from estimated 197kha in 2009 now expected 224kha, very limited growth
- D1OILS → claimed 60kha 2008/2009, ytd produced/sold only circa 1000tons of CJO!



High expected figures have been drastically revised; CJO still far from being traded



ALGAE STATUS

- Investment in algae-biofuel ventures has doubled every year since 2006
- Not all startups → substantial experience and deep pockets such as ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron + airlines such as Boeing, Virgin Atlantic, Japan Airlines and Continental
- Million of \$ being offered by governments around the world
- US department of energy offering 85M\$ for algae based biofuels

However still unsolved problems on:

- High capital and operating production costs
- Harvesting methods
- Dewatering
- Oil extraction
- Too fragmented, thousands of different tech solutions out there...



Conclusions

- Long-term positive outlook
- Mandatory blending targets increase everywhere \rightarrow EU Directive 2009/28 in place (10% mandatory target by 2020)
- Biodiesel plays a decisive role for EU's security of energy supply
- Biofuel demand from circa 13 Mtons in 2010 to circa 27 Mtons in 2020
- Sustainability is key → second generation biodiesel is an opportunity

BUT short-term:

- Biodiesel margins are today under preassure
- Dominance of trading
- Still market distortions



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