

**Question for written answer E-004959/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission response to the Globiom study

Commission officials have stated that the legislative proposal which resulted in the adoption of Directive (EU) 2015/1513 was based on a thorough analysis of the different studies undertaken and a comparison of the results of the different modelling exercises carried out, using mainly but not exclusively the work of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

As a Member of the European Parliament from Portugal, which has unrealised potential in this area, I would like to ask the following:

1. In the run up to the 2012 proposals to amend the Renewable Energy Directive, did Commission analysis differentiate between bioethanol and biodiesel as the two main forms of bioenergy, as the IFPRI work suggests?
2. If not – given the substantial differences between ethanol and biodiesel – could the Commission explain why not?
3. Given that the Globiom report has confirmed that there are major differences between the impacts of bioethanol and biodiesel, with the former being demonstrated as a clear and indispensable climate change mitigation option for the EU, does the Commission intend to continue to treat all ‘first generation’ biofuels in an undifferentiated manner?