

**Question for written answer E-005507/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Laurențiu Rebega (ENF)

Subject: Clarification of Commission's views on best available science on biofuels

The Commission's obligation under the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) and the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD) is to develop policy proposals in the biofuels area based on the 'best available science'. The Global Biosphere Management Model (GLOBIOM) study that the Commission released in March 2016 is the 'best available science' on the impact on land-use change of the biofuels used in the EU.

The Commission has stopped short of recognising the GLOBIOM study as 'the best available science'. In response to a recent Parliamentary Question, the Commission indicated that its 'assessment of the latest available scientific evidence, and most recent available research results on the Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) impacts of biofuels consumed in the EU, is still ongoing and will be broader than the [GLOBIOM] study'.¹

Against this background, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. Does it accept the findings of the GLOBIOM study, and, if not, why not?
2. What are the 'most recent research results' that it is currently assessing? Please provide a list.
3. What does it mean when it says that its ongoing analysis will be 'broader' than the GLOBIOM study, and when will the 'ongoing analysis' to which this refers be finalised?

¹ Answer given by the Commission on 5 April 2016 to Question for Written Answer E-000161-16.