

**Question for written answer P-005656/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission report of 2015 on biofuels

The Commission has recently published its 2015 impact assessment of fuels, which also includes a section on biofuels. Many parts of this 640-page analysis reflect the claims that maize bioethanol and rape biodiesel will substantially contribute to GHG reductions. According to the report, EU legislation that was more ambitious than at present concerning maize ethanol and rape ethanol would not on the whole endanger the EU vehicle park, while at the same time it would improve the EU's efforts to reduce GHGs.

The study was clearly written in 2015 (!) in support of the proposal for a directive on renewable energy, so it is not clear why the Commission only published it in 2017.

1. Why did the Commission not publish this study in 2015, i.e. before EU consideration of the proposal to amend the Renewable Energy Directive?
2. What is the Commission's official opinion of the report drawn up by the biofuels section of the Impact Assessment Center¹ and of its technical accuracy?

Taking into account the existing impact assessments, does the Commission still wish to reduce the compulsory proportion of first generation (maize- and rape-based) bioethanol?

¹ IAC, http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4e262e_a98a776fab814451816515524d47fb0a.pdf