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Long-term decarbonisation strategy: *A Clean Planet for all - A European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy*

Bioenergy recognised as a key contributor to achieve a net-zero carbon economy by 2050

Brussels, 28th November 2018 – **Today, the Commission has published its long-term strategy for emissions reduction looking at different options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% with more ambitious scenarios achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions and removals by 2050. Bioenergy Europe welcomes the fact that bioenergy is one of the key solutions to reach a high ambition net-zero carbon pathway by 2050.**

Bioenergy Europe is glad to see that bioenergy is put forward as one of the key solutions to achieve a net-zero carbon economy by 2050 and this in symbiosis with a wider bio-economy relying on a sustainable feedstock from forests and agriculture.

Bioenergy has the potential to increase significantly within the limits of a sustainably available biomass potential and provides versatile and flexible technologies in the heating & cooling, transport and electricity sector including the possibility for negative emissions.

“In its long-term strategy, the Commission recognises the importance of bioenergy to achieve a net-zero carbon economy by 2050. Now, we need a clear implementation roadmap for investments to take place, especially in the heating sector.”, Jean-Marc Jossart, Secretary-General of Bioenergy Europe explains.

The bioenergy sector calls upon Member States and the European Parliament to strongly support the net-zero pathway among the options presented by the Commission in order to show EU leadership in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and create a secure framework for investments in renewables.

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