

Spanish general comments with respect to the Set plan Issues paper (Action 8) "**Strategic Targets for bioenergy and renewable fuels needed for sustainable transport solutions in the context of an Initiative for Global Leadership in Bioenergy**"

Regarding dispatchability, it would be relevant to highlight that if the EU wants to be really 'renewable' we need some dispatchable technologies (like biomass) to act as back up of intermittent technologies (like wind and PV). Warning: The gas sector is positioned itself as the major guarantee for the deployment of renewables in Europe, because it's supposed to be 'the only one' to back up them. In general almost always is forgotten that exist other renewables able to complement the intermittent ones. It is needed to keep reinforcing the key role of biomass on dispatchability and base load.

Regarding the biomass potential and availability, it's relevant to know that it could be a risk in some Member States where the sector is being developed for the last 50-60-70 years or more, or the sector is really mature, and there are enormous plants. But it's not a problem at all in other countries, where biomass is still underexploited. We consider important to highlight both problems, the risk in some countries, but also noting the high potential in other countries to consume available biomass largely. The message just on the possibility of 'run out' of biomass can be misleading.