

## **THE USE OF BIOFUELS IN THE STRATEGY FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT**

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The emissions of greenhouse gases are predicted to increase until 2010; therefore, it is unlikely that the objectives set out in the Kyoto protocol will be attained. Interventions are necessary in all sectors and at all levels in order to reverse the trend towards the increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases that has been registered in the last few years. In consideration of the important contribution made by the passenger and freight transport sector to greenhouse gas emissions, particularly CO<sub>2</sub>, intervention in this sector could be decisive. In this work we examine the long-term strategies in the urban transport sector put into action in order to improve the quality of the environment. In particular, we analyse the trend towards the gradual replacement of traditional fuels with alternative ones, like biofuels.