

EUROPEAN BUSINESS AVIATION



European Business Aviation Vision for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

Business Aviation is working to reduce its environmental impact in several ways, and synergy between policymakers and the Business Aviation industry will deliver favourable results. Business Aviation aims to lead by example by increasing awareness and utilisation of SAF, while working with producers and distributors of SAF across Europe and globally.

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Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change and SAF

The Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change is a combination of goals and an aggressive programme to reduce Business Aviation's impact on climate change. It builds on carbon-neutral growth from 2020 and continuous improvement in fuel efficiency to achieve a reduction in total CO₂ emissions, with SAF being a key element towards achieving this Commitment.

In 2018, the Business Aviation Coalition for Sustainable Aviation Fuel was formed to collectively advance the global uptake of SAF as a readily available technology in support of this Commitment. The Coalition recently published its 2nd edition of the Business Aviation Guide to SAF to fill the knowledge gap and further widen the uptake of SAF across the Business Aviation value chain.

The European Commission's ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative

The European Commission's ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative is a key building block of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. This Initiative is an essential policy tool designed to increase the uptake of SAF and support the delivery of the EU's and our Commitment's climate targets. It lays the foundation for a strong partnership between policymakers and industry to deliver SAF as a key enabler of the European Green Deal objective to reduce transport-related emissions. Our policy recommendations include:

- Incentivising the entire SAF value chain to allow the market to grow steadily by making the production, purchase and use of SAF more accessible and affordable;
- Prioritising SAF for and allocating it to Civil Aviation, always including the General and Business Aviation sector, given other industries benefit from multiple decarbonisation solutions;

- Incentivising additional Research and Development efforts on SAF technologies;
- Increasing the multiplier under the Renewable Energy Directive;
- Providing a Book & Claim system allowing voluntary Business Aviation participants to purchase SAF to satisfy and go beyond any mandate; and
- Monitoring SAF purchase and use to obtain recognition in market-based mechanisms designed to reduce emissions output.

Next steps to increase the uptake of SAF in Europe

Given that CO₂ knows no borders, the Business Aviation Coalition for Sustainable Aviation Fuel will continue to support its stakeholders in increasing the uptake of SAF in the EU and globally. EU support is essential in helping Business Aviation, as part of the wider aviation industry, to deliver on the ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative – both in boosting the entire SAF value chain with the right policy options and in supporting development programmes for next-generation SAF with appropriate research funding.

Cross-industry partnerships are key to delivering EU-wide availability of SAF and driving down sectoral emissions at pace. A robust and accessible Book & Claim system will help SAF progressively make its way into fuel tanks all over Europe. With immediate prioritisation of advanced biofuels and increasing shares of synthetic fuels over time, SAF will become more competitive relative to conventional kerosene, in support of European Green Deal sustainability goals for aviation.