

The Bodø e-SAF Declaration

Preamble

Climate change demands urgent action, and aviation, as a hard-to-abate sector with an expected exponential growth path until 2050, already contributes over 5% of total climate impact, including non-CO₂ effects.

To decarbonize European aviation safely and **efficiently, and ensure the sector continues to play important economic and societal functions**, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is the key lever for immediate emissions reduction. E-SAF, in particular, offers scalability beyond many biogenic alternatives.

Bodø lies in the heart of Northern Norway, where air connectivity to the rest of Norway and Europe is essential. By gathering in this region, we want to highlight that e-SAF is paramount to ensure that the aviation industry can continue to connect people, no matter how far and remote they can live.

This declaration complements the [Project SkyPower letter](#) sent to the European Commission in February 2025. It unites producers, technology providers, aircraft and engine manufacturers, airports, policymakers, researchers, and NGOs in driving the transition toward climate-neutral aviation.

In particular, the signatories

Regulatory stability & investment security

- support the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation and urge long-term regulatory certainty through 2050, emphasizing that SAF (sub-)mandates, production criteria, and penalties must remain stable to enable investment.
- call upon the European Commission to identify and grant e-SAF projects the STEP (The Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform) seal, so they can benefit from national and regional funding schemes.
- support the use of market-based measures like the EU ETS to provide incentives to shift away from fossil fuels and request an increase of the SAF allowances to ensure longer planning horizons for investors.
- request long-term offtake agreements to be enabled through public intermediation between SAF producers and offtakers such as airlines and jet fuel suppliers.

Efficient deployment via book & claim

- support a European book & claim system to ensure maximum emission reduction while realizing optimized economics enabling the accelerated ramp-up of e-SAF production in Europe.

Collaboration & knowledge sharing

- commit to breaking down silos between sectors and across borders by sharing knowledge across stakeholders.
- agree to support efforts towards the use of up to 100% SAF, including zero-aromatic fuels to reduce non-CO₂ impacts.
- request e-SAF producers to establish a central communication channel with EU institutions to be able to submit more competitive applications in the EU Innovation

Fund, including sectoral calls with specific and realistic criteria.

Financial support for SAF scale-up

- advocate for unbureaucratic venture-like public capital to support early-phase project development.
- demand and support the expansion and streamlining of EU funding mechanisms, the Modernisation Fund and the use of EU ETS auction revenues by member states to accelerate e-SAF deployment.
- call for the forthcoming Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP) to prioritize the derisking of e-SAF projects by creating synergies between public and private funding.

Accountability & progress tracking

- will report annually on e-SAF targets, production, project progress and partnerships in a report published by Energi I Nord.

Conclusion

The transition to non-fossil aviation is inevitable. The signatories commit to supporting this shift and enabling the successful scale-up of SAF and e-SAF in particular.

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