Five critical policy interventions to make e-SAF a commercial reality this decade



E-SAF presents three key opportunities for the EU to:

- strengthen domestic industry and energy resilience
- unlock a EUR 350+ billion global e-SAF market
- cut global emissions by 400 million tonnes CO2 annually by 2050

Unlocking these opportunities requires 5 near-term policy interventions by the EU:

- Make e-SAF a strategic priority in the Clean Industrial Deal and the Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP)
- Recycle ETS revenues from aviation to capitalise a market intermediary¹ that enters into auctioned, 10–15 year purchase contracts with e-SAF producers and 3–5 year sales contracts with offtakers, using ETS revenues to bridge the price difference. This can be done via the existing H2Global model of double-sided auctions or via uniform sales price-setting.



- Establish a bridging mechanism in 2025 to incentivise early offtakers e.g. by providing early adopters with priority access to the funding instrument, enabling Final Investment Decisions to be taken before it comes online (i.e. 2025/26), in time to meet the e-SAF sub-mandates in 2030/31.
- Provide long-term certainty over the EU's continued enforcement of e-SAF sub-mandates, production criteria and penalty systems
- Reduce project-on-project risk via a backstop mechanism to provide a minimum level of protection for lost revenues



70+ industry leaders across the e-SAF ecosystem have unified their voice to call for five urgent policy interventions required to catalyse a wave of corporate action on e-SAF.

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Industry



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The signatories of this letter are united in their support of the five critical policy interventions outlined in this letter. While their support underscores the importance of collective action, it does not imply full agreement with every specific recommendation or the views of other signatories.



