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ReFuelEU Aviation: Industry calls for higher quotas for sustainable aviation fuels in joint letter

Brussels/Berlin, 19 April 2023: In the run-up of the upcoming trilogue on ReFuelEU Aviation, fuel producers, fuel suppliers and technology providers along the value chain of sustainable biofuels, hydrogen and synthetic fuels (eFuels) have addressed policy makers at EU level in a joint letter. The eight signatory associations are pushing for ambitious quotas for sustainable fuels in aviation. Thus, by 2030, 6% of sustainable aviation fuels should be used, 2% of which should be eFuels. By 2050, the share of sustainable aviation fuels should increase to 85%, of which 50% should be eFuels.

"European aviation is a fundamental part of a functioning logistics sector and a key pillar of our economic resilience and prosperity. At the same time, the industry must be provided with a suitable breeding ground, both politically and economically, in order to make the operation of fleets more sustainable in a timely manner," calls Ralf Diemer, Managing Director of the eFuel Alliance.

"ReFuelEU Aviation offers precisely this opportunity. With long-term incentives within the regulation, we create planning and investment certainty and boost the eFuels economy."

"At the beginning of the transformation, the industry initially expects higher costs and associated competitive disadvantages. Appropriate transition mechanisms must be put in place to prevent European aviation from being disadvantaged in a global comparison. We therefore very much welcome the fact that the co-legislators have taken a first step towards mitigating the cost effects by allocating 20 million free allowances to compensate for price differences in emissions trading. Ambitious quotas for sustainable aviation fuels as well as synthetic aviation fuels also support this goal, as they ensure faster scaling of renewable fuel production capacities and thus price reductions," Diemer said.

The final trilogue between Commission, Council and Parliament is expected next Tuesday, 25 April.

>>>The eFuel Alliance e.V.<<<

The eFuel Alliance is an interest group committed to promoting political and social acceptance of eFuels and to securing their regulatory approval. We represent more than 170 companies, associations and consumer organizations along the eFuel production value chain. We stand for fair competition and equal competitive condition for all relevant emission reduction solutions. We are firmly committed to further climate change mitigation and seek recognition for the significant part eFuels can play in sustainability and climate protection. Our aim is to create the conditions for the industrial production and widespread use of CO₂-neutral fuels from renewable sources of energy.

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