

PRESS RELEASE

Lufthansa joins the eFuel Alliance

Berlin, 10 October 2024: Deutsche Lufthansa AG has become a member of the eFuel Alliance. With this, the eFuel Alliance is demonstrating its commitment to acting as the voice of the entire value chain. Working together, this will actively support the ramp-up of renewable aviation fuels (SAF).

Today, biogenic SAF is only available in small quantities and at high prices. Electricity-based kerosene is only produced in test plants. 'Sustainable aviation fuels are a technological key to the future decarbonisation of aviation. However, the market ramp-up is not yet taking off. Quotas are not enough. Germany and Europe must specifically promote the import and production of sustainable fuels. In cooperation with our partners in the eFuel Alliance, we are committed to the industrial-scale production and market launch of e-kerosene at competitive prices,' says Kay Lindemann, Head of Corporate International Relations and Government Affairs at Deutsche Lufthansa.

'Our membership structure offers all companies, across all sectors, a platform for exchanging ideas and strengthening the public and political perception of renewable fuels,' explains Ralf Diemer, CEO of the eFuel Alliance. 'With Lufthansa joining as an active member, we are strengthening our global platform with a key player in the industrialization of the market.'

With the ReFuelEU Aviation, aviation is the only sector that has been regulated by European legislators with specific blending quotas for renewable fuels by 2050. Lindemann states: 'Due to the high costs of SAF, these quotas create a significant competitive disadvantage for European airlines compared to their non-European competitors. To ensure fair global competition, a correction is urgently needed here. This means that all airlines in and outside Europe must be included in the financing of the expensive SAF.'

There are already financing instruments for e-fuel producers at the EU level in the form of the 'Hydrogen Bank' and the 'Innovation Fund'. A limited number of free emissions trading certificates for aviation will be added to these, which should help to cushion the differential costs between renewable and fossil fuels. However, this framework is not yet sufficient: "The current regulation risks European airlines and hubs falling prey to international competitors," warns Diemer. "The necessary implementation mechanisms are missing. We need solutions that combine climate protection and competitiveness. Together with our existing membership and Lufthansa, which has already developed implementation proposals, we want to evaluate existing approaches and present feasible solutions."

>>>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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