



Re-Fly with SAF: aviation's roadmap to recovery post-pandemic

Dear Aviation Key Stakeholders,

Aviation is probably the worst hit sector of the global economy and also one that appears to be the most complex to reopen. It is expected that it may take years to approach normal pre-Covid-19 pandemic operations. All governments are examining how to bail out their airlines and even the European Union is looking how to relax its modus operandi State Aid Guidelines to facilitate such bail-outs.

Ensuring the safety of the passengers will be paramount in getting the passengers back in the plane. There are numerous suggestions how this can be achieved, most of them however are unpractical and uneconomical such as social distancing in the plane.

At the same time and due to the precarious financial state of the airlines there is a real danger that decarbonization and the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) will be ignored for quite some time, or at least till aviation has approached pre-Covid-19 pandemic operations. However, this may take years to be achieved and it seems that the aviation sector may change drastically. Large planes such as the A380 and the Jumbo jet are being scrapped by the airlines as they will be uneconomical to operate for years to come.

The **Alternative Renewable Transport Fuels Forum (ART Fuels Forum)** and **Fly Green Alliance (FGA)** have joined forces and taken the initiative to organize a closed door debate and brainstorming with key industry representatives aiming to facilitate the organization of an e-workshop/conference later this year. The main objective is to discuss with you which is the most trustworthy way to Re-Fly while at the same time decarbonization and SAF are taken into careful consideration.

We are of the opinion that the present situation offers the possibility to close link SAF with the restart of the operations.

Subject to your interest to contribute to these discussions we will also invite key officials from the European Commission (DGs ENER, CLIMA, MOVE & JRC).

We have scheduled the preparatory **e-meeting on 12 June at 15:00**. An agenda as well as connection details will be sent to you when we have a clear picture on the participants.

Looking forward to hearing your opinion and interest to participate in this e-meeting, we remain.

With kind regards,

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