



# **Sustainable Aviation Fuels**

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12-13 November 2026  
Athens, Divani Palace Acropolis

## **Agenda**

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**Thursday, 12 November 2026**

## **POLICIES and MARKETS**

**09:30-10:00**    **Registrations**

**10:00-10:45**    **Opening session**

**Welcome by Chair:** Dimitris Kardomateas, CRES President and General Director

- Mr Christos Dimas, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport (tbc)
- Mr Margaritis Schoinas, Minister of Agricultural Development and Food (tbc)
- Mr Nikolaos Tsafos, Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy (tbc)
- Mrs Despina Paliarouta, General Secretary of Energy and Minerals (tbc)
- Porf Yannis Maniatis, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the S&D Group, f. Minister of Environment and Energy (tbc)
- Maria Georgiadou, EC Directorate General for Research & Innovation

**10:45-11:30**    **Session I: International Aviation Developments**

*This session aims to present recent global SAF policy developments with presentations given by representatives of international organisations.*

**Chairperson:** Myrsini Christou, CRES

- Douglas Phillips, Net Zero Transition Programs, IATA ***“The importance of sequencing in SAF policy development”***
- Matteo Prussi, Politecnico di Torino, EU representative at ICAO, ***“Rethinking SAF policy: aligning support mechanisms with technology-specific CAPEX and OPEX profiles”***
- Kyriakos Maniatis, Consultant, ***“Recent SAF Global Policy and Market Developments”***

**11:30-11:45**    **Coffee Break & Networking**

**11:45-12:45**    **Session II: European Policy Developments**

*The objective of the session is to highlight the latest developmenst on EU SAF policies with speakers from the European Commission.*

**Chairperson:** Myrsini Christou, CRES

- Maria Georgiadou, EC Directorate General for Research & Innovation
- Sergi Alegre, Airport Regions Council
- Eric Van den Heuvel, studio Gear Up

**12:45-13:30**    **Panel Discussion I: Are we on the right Flightpath?**

**Panel moderator:** Eric Van den Heuvel, studio Gear Up

**Panelists:** Maria Georgiadou, Douglas Phillips, Matteo Prussi, Sergi Alegre, Kyriakos Maniatis

**13:30-14:30**    **Lunch Break**

**14:30-15:30**    **Session III: Considerations on National SAF Policies and developing a SAF ecosystem**

*This session aims to discuss on National SAF Policies and developing a SAF ecosystem.*

**Chairperson:** Kyriakos Maniatis, Consultant

- Loes Knotter, Dutch Platform Renewable Fuels
- Representative from General Secretary of Energy and Minerals (tbc)
- Georgia Lykou, Aviation security and Environmental protection Division, Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority *“Refueling Aviation in Greece, HCAA Flightpath towards effective implementation of SAF Regulation”*
- Despina Tzoulaki, GranThorton (tbc)

**15:30-16:30**    **Session IV: Practical SAF experiences in Greece**

*Representatives of Greek organisations will present their activities in supporting SAF and establishing a Greek SAF ecosystem.*

**Chairperson:** Kyriakos Maniatis, Consultant

- Spyros Svoronos, Book Leader Domestic Market, Motor Oil *“MOH Experiences in Jet Fuel Market”*
- Michalis Papazoglou, Director of Refineries Planning, & Operation Division, HELLENiQ ENERGY *“Sustainable Aviation Fuels for the Helleniq Energy”*
- Giorgos Govatzidakis, Sustainability Manager, AEGEAN *“AEGEAN – embracing sustainability, our experience to date”*
- Athens International Airport

**16:30 – 16:45**    **Coffee Break & Networking**

**16:45-17:30**    **Panel Discussion II: SAF Opportunities in Greece – What needs to be done**

**Moderator:** Kyriakos Maniatis, Consultant

**Panelists:** representative from Motor Oil, Emmanouil Markakis, Giorgos Govatzidakis, representative from Athens International Airport, Loes Knotter, Representative from General Secretary of Energy and Minerals, Georgia Lykou.

**17:30-18:30**    **Session V: Market considerations**

*The session aims to highlight certification and financial measures for market uptake.*

**Chairperson:** Eric Van den Heuvel, Studio Gear Up

- Judit Sandquist, SINTEF *“DemonsTrating lower pollUting soLutions for sustainable airPorts acrosS Europe – the TULIPS project”*
- Eleni Liakakou, Sustainable Transport team, WSP, *“From targets to deployment: what will it take to scale sustainable aviation fuels in Europe?”*
- Clio Agrapidis, RTDS-group *“Beyond SAF Mandates: Closing Europe’s Carbon Loop for Advanced Aviation Fuels”*
- Apostolos Siskos, EMICERT

**18:30-19:00**    **Panel Discussion III: International aviation readiness to operate with SAF and e-SAF**  
**Moderator:** Sergi Alegre, ARC  
**Panelists:** Judit Sandquist, Eleni Liakakou, Clio Agrapidis, Apostolos Siskos

**19:00**    *End of first day*

**Friday, 13 November 2026**

## **RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY STATUS**

**09:00-09:10**    **Welcome by Chairs: Myrsini Christou & Kyriakos Maniatis**

**09:10–10:00**    **Keynote speeches**

- Myrsini Christou, CRES *“Do we have sustainable feedstock?”*

**10:00-10:45**    **Session VI: SAF commercial technologies**

*There has been significant progress over the last two years and this session aims to highlight recent developments on SAF technologies*

**Chairperson:** Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

- Maxime Vassieu, AXENS *“Beyond Technology: Addressing the Real Challenges of SAF Project Development”*
- Michael Hecquet, TotalEnergies
- API Europe
- Dragonfly Fuels (tbc)

**10:45-11:15**    **Coffee Break & Networking**

**11:15-12:00**    **Session VII: e-SAF technologies in large scale demonstration**

*There has been significant progress over the last two years and this session aims to highlight recent developments on SAF technologies*

**Chairperson:** Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

- Ambroise Devresse, e-fuels Alliance *“From Demonstration to Deployment: e-SAF Projects and the Policy Conditions for Scale”*
- Txetxu Arzuaga, General Manager PETRONOR Innovacion *“Synthetic Fuels at Demonstration Scale: Plant Design, Commissioning Challenges and Validation Strategy”*
- Evanthia Nanaki, Helleniq Energy *“Synergistic Advanced Carbon Capture Technologies for ConvERsion of Industrially Emitted CO<sub>2</sub> to sustainable Production of biofuels and chEmicals – the Sterope project”*

**12:00-13:00**     **Panel discussion IV: Do we have reliable technologies for SAF and e-SAF market deployment?**

**Moderator:** Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

**Panelists:** Maxime Vassieu, Michael Hecquet, representatives from LanzaJet (tbc) and API Europe, Ambroise Devresse, Txetxu Arzuaga, Evanthia Nanaki

**13:00-14:00**     **Lunch break**

**14:00-15:00**     **Session VIII: SAF technologies in innovative development – EERA perspectives**

*There are numerous ongoing and recently ended project. This session aims to highlight important results obtained from key projects supported by Horizon Europe.*

**Chairperson:** Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies

- EERA Bioenergy
- Berta Matas Guell, SINTEF *“Best practices for SAF upscaling– the Icarus project”*
- Marcelo Eduardo Domine, SCIC *“Novel catalysts and catalytic processes for renewable SAFs and maritime fuels production in integrated biorefineries”*
- Berend Vreugdenhil, TNO *“Scaling SAF a syngas development from the ICARUS project”*

**15:00-16:00**     **Session IX: SAF technologies in innovative development (a)**

**Chairperson:** Myrsini Christou, CRES

- Efthimia Alexopoulou, CRES *“Unlocking Marginal and Severely Degraded Lands and Advancing Innovative Cropping Systems for Low-ILUC Energy and Industrial Crops – IASIS, MIDAS, RUNFASTER4EU and CARINA projects”.*
- Dimitris Kourkoumpas, CERTH *“Collaborative Actions to Bring Novel Biofuels Thermochemical Routes into Industrial Scale – the BioTheRos project”*
- Iker Aquirrezabal, EHU/EUS
- Stella Bezergianni, CERTH *“Bridging Waste Valorization and Sustainable Aviation – the ABATE project”*

**16:00-16:15**     **Coffee Break & Networking**

**16:15-17:15**     **Session X: e-SAF technologies in innovative development (b)**

**Chairperson:** Myrsini Christou, CRES

- Charilaos Xiros, RISE *“Sustainable jet fuels from CO<sub>2</sub> by micro-algal cell factories in a zero waste approach – the ALFAFUELS project”*
- Maria Loizidou, NTUA *“Capture and Reuse Of biogenic gases for Negative-emission - sustainable biofuels – the CRONUS project”*
- Kyriakos Panopoulos, CERTH *“Renewable Carbon-to-Methanol Pathways in Hydrogen Valleys for the Synthesis of Aviation and Maritime Fuels”*
- Rene Rene Daniel Buettgen, FZJ *“Microalgae biorefinery for advanced biofuels with particular emphasis on SAF – the SUSTEPS project”*

**17:15-17:45**    **Panel discussion V: Where do we stand with innovation in SAF technologies?**

**Moderator:** Myrsini Christou, CRES

**Panelists:** Session VIII-X presenters

**17:45-18:00**    **Closing remarks**

Myrsini Christou, Kyriakos Maniatis

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