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# National SAF Developments and Strategies

Findings from AMF Task 63



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# AMF Task 63

## Project overview

- November 2021 – April 2023
- Task member countries: Austria (lead), Brazil, China, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, USA
- Activities of the Task include:
  - Identify major challenges for SAF market uptake
  - Showcase examples of successful deployment
  - Organization of workshops and online seminars
- Further information and publications are available here:  
[https://iea-amf.org/content/projects/map\\_projects/63](https://iea-amf.org/content/projects/map_projects/63)



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# National SAF Developments and Strategies Europe

# Legal Framework

## European Union

- Green Deal (Fit-for-55 Package)
  - Reducing GHG emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared with 1990 levels
- RED II (RED III under negotiation)
  - 1.2 multiplier for SAF (non-food/feed)
- EU-ETS
  - Incentives for biobased SAF in compliance with RED II sustainability criteria „zero emission“
- CORSIA (ICAO international)
  - Use SAF that comply with dedicated sustainability criteria instead of purchasing emission offsets



# ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative

## Proposal by the Commission

- EU proposed regulation 2021/0205 (COD) on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport
  - SAF are defined as drop-in fuels, either synthetic aviation fuels or advanced biofuels - Feed and food crop-based fuels are excluded due to limited scalability potential and sustainability concerns
  - Fuelling obligation for aircraft operators who have to ensure that 90% of the annually required aviation fuel is uplifted at a given EU airport
  - Reporting obligation for aircraft operators and fuel suppliers with financial penalties for non-compliance

# ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative

## (under negotiation)

- EU proposed regulation 2021/0205 (COD) on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport
  - On all commercial flights carrying passengers (including business travel), cargo or mail traveling within the EU and departing from the EU
  - Gradual increase of the volumetric share of SAF in the fuel supplied to operators at EU airports with a sub-target on synthetic aviation fuels

| [%]       | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | 2045 | 2050 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SAF       | 2    | 6    | 20   | 34   | 42   | 70   |
| Synt. SAF | 0    | 0.7  | 5    | 8    | 11   | 28   |

# National strategies

- Several countries already commissioned or published strategies or roadmaps on SAF market uptake



# Austria

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|--------------------------|---|
| Targets                  | <p>Climate neutrality by 2040</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For industries, energy systems and transport (except aviation)</li> </ul>  |
| Strategies               | <p>Hydrogen strategy &amp; Renewable gas strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H<sub>2</sub> for industries which are hard to decarbonize (incl. aviation)</li> <li>• Green gas only for sectors with no substitution option (excl. aviation)</li> </ul> <p>Mobility master plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of e-fuels, hydrogen and battery for aviation</li> <li>• Advanced biofuels for aviation if there is no other more efficient application</li> </ul> <p>SAF roadmap (under development)</p> |
| Projects/<br>Initiatives | <p>SAF action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint position of leading companies in the mobility &amp; energy sector</li> </ul> <p>TAKE OFF program (Austrian Research Promotion Agency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the research strategy for the Austrian aviation sector</li> </ul>  |
| Strengths                | <p>Agreement on the importance of SAF of politics and industry</p> <p>Know-how, there are several related research institutes and technology providers</p>  |



# Denmark

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|--------------------------|--|
| Targets                  | <p>One green domestic flight route in 2025</p> <p>All domestic aviation must be green by 2030</p>  |
| Strategies               | <p>Aviation plan announced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition will be financed by imposing a flat passenger fee of €1.70 (domestic and international flights – excl. transit)</li> </ul>  |
| Projects/<br>Initiatives | <p>Bornholm Energy Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge investment in off-shore production of electricity in the north sea together with Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium</li> <li>• Electricity from the energy island shall be converted into e-fuels for the marine and aviation sectors</li> </ul> <p>ALIGHT project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copenhagen Airport as example for a sustainable airport of the future</li> </ul> <p>GreenLab project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and largest commercial PtX facility</li> </ul> |
| Strengths                | <p>A strong political willingness to foster investments and research</p>   |

# Germany

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| Targets                  | PtL SAF capacity of at least 200,000 t/a by 2030   |
| Strategies               | <p>PtL SAF roadmap (linked with National hydrogen strategy) &amp; BDL master plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear focus on PtL SAF by industry and government</li> <li>• Aimed market ramp up in Germany of at least 200,000 t/a by 2030</li> </ul> <p>GHG quota with the compliance option PtL in aviation:<br/>0.5% by 2026 (about 50,000 t/a), 1% by 2028 (about 100,000 t/a), 2% by 2030 (about 200,000 t/a); amounts can be double-counted</p> |
| Projects/<br>Initiatives | <p>Several projects and demonstration plants for SAF production are ongoing, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BP is co-processing UCO in an existing refinery</li> <li>• A first PtL plant in Germany with a capacity of 360 t/a</li> <li>• Project Amelia for a ATJ plant with a capacity of 60,000 t/a</li> <li>• Different SAF related projects on DE/EU level (e.g. KEROSyN100, HyKero, TULIPS, HyFlexFuel and ALIGHT)</li> </ul>                |
| Strengths                | <p>Well developed fuel infrastructure (especially important for importing SAF)<br/>There are leading technology providers and users as well as R&amp;D institutions<br/>Accompanying funding for PtL SAF projects</p>  |

# Switzerland

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| Targets                  | <p>Reduction of fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from aviation with SAF by at least 60% by 2050</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compared to a development without measures</li> </ul>  |
| Strategies               | <p>Following the ReFuelEU Aviation proposal by the EC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without any notable differences in quota or sustainability criteria</li> </ul> <p>Swiss Emission Trading System (linked to EU-ETS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows crediting of SAF use on flights starting in Switzerland</li> </ul> <p>Biogenic fuels are tax exempted when complying with sustainability criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated cultivation of biogenic resources for the purpose of SAF production is not supported (residues only)</li> </ul> <p>Swiss Roadmap for Sustainable Aviation (RMSA) was elaborated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAF (biogenic and synthetic) seen as central and most important measure</li> </ul> |
| Projects/<br>Initiatives | <p>Funding of pilot and demonstration plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helvoil – production of biofuels (incl. SAF) from UCO and waste animal fats</li> </ul> <p>Multiple projects (biogenic and synthetic SAF production) are currently in the concept phase, but have not yet been publicly announced</p>   |
| Strengths                | <p>Excellent network of universities and notable technology providers</p> <p>Highly motivated actors to contribute to a quick upscaling of SAF</p>   |

# Summary of European Strategies

- European strategy is mainly driven by the ReFuelEU Aviation proposal
  - Main focus is ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport
- Although legal framework is set on European level, strategies of Member States vary
  - Several Member States already published SAF roadmaps
  - Denmark and Germany have a strong focus on PtL
- In all four countries SAF is considered as important measure to decarbonize aviation by politics and industry
- There are notable technology providers and university networks



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# National SAF Developments and Strategies Brazil

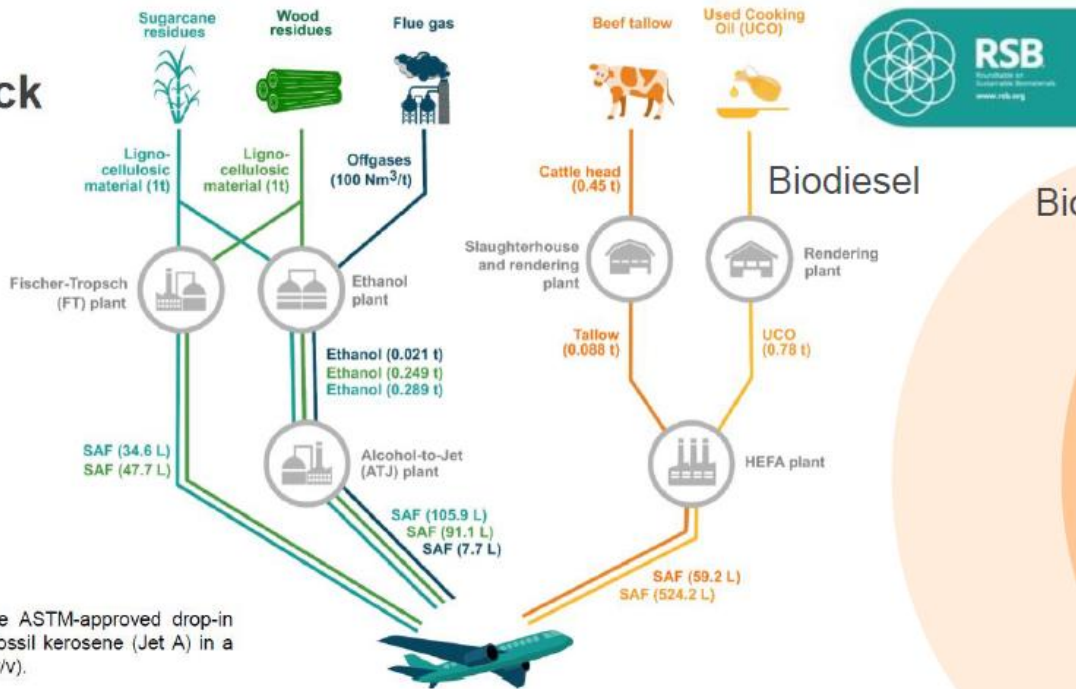
# What is the SAF future in Brazil we foresee...

- Brazil is a **continental power** in **oil, sugar, ethanol, soy and bioenergy**. It is also full of **airports and aerodromes** in its entire territory. Despite its **18 refineries**, only **one is producing Jet**.
- The country is committed to reduce **carbon intensity**, adjusting to the energy transition journey, particularly in the **aviation sector**, with different technological alternatives.
- **Brazil has abundance and diversity of energy sources** to comply with the iNDCs, it has many and diverse actors through the **aviation value chain** with **several technological routes and alternatives**, some of them already approved by **ASTM and ANP**.
- In terms of the **regulatory framework**, the country has already approved a program to incentivize SAF routes and market development.
- Considering the importance of Brazil in biofuels' market, its energy sources, its actors, the technological routes already available, and its commitment to iNDCs, **Brazil, given all its potential**, is set to unfold **great opportunities with SAF** economy in a global scale.

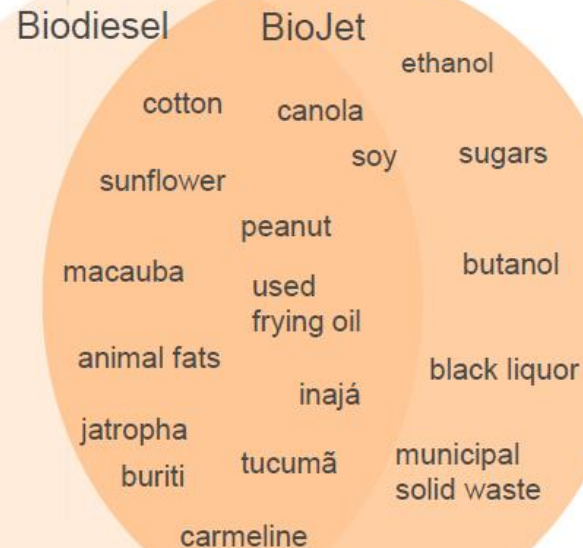
# SAF, Biodiesel and BioQAV Feedstock

## SAF Feedstock

Waste and residues



\*All pathways comprise ASTM-approved drop-in fuels to be used with fossil kerosene (Jet A) in a maximum 50% blend (v/v).



# SAF Strategies for some key selected Brazilian actors



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| Company name                     | Type / sector  | SAF Strategy   |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Petrobras                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> fuels producer / distributor in Brazil.      | Petrobras is a major fuel producer in the Brazilian market, and plan to be the highest SAF producer. Just announced a construction of SAF/HVO plant for the next years.  |
| Raízen                           | Biofuels producer /distributor                               | In July 2022, signed a letter of intent with Embraer to develop the <b>Brazilian SAF ecosystem</b> for production. Its commitment to both innovation and bioenergy enables it to become a <b>key SAF trailblazer in Brazil</b> .   |
| LATAM                            | The leading <b>airline group</b> in Latin America.           | In its Sustainability Strategy, LATAM plans the following 3 steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be carbon neutral by 2050.</li> <li>• Offset 50% of domestic emissions by 2030.</li> <li>• <b>Use SAF until 2030.</b></li> </ul>                                       |
| Azul - Linhas Aéreas Brasileiras | The 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest <b>airline</b> in Brazil (2016). | In 2012, ahead of its group, Azul attempted to use BioQAV with Amyris and it was unsuccessful, due to: (1) there is no tax classification code for the product; (2) there were no laboratories able to certify the blend in Brazil, and (3) costs abroad were prohibitive to them. |
| Embraer                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Aircraft manufacturer</b> in Brazil.      | It seeks carbon neutrality by 2040. It also focuses on the development of products, services, and technologies for aviation net-zero carbon 2050 and on <b>100% SAF compliant aircraft</b> .   |
| Airbus                           | <b>Aircraft manufacturer</b> in Brazil.                      | They aim to offer <b>100% SAF capacity on commercial aircraft up to 2030</b> , as well as becoming the largest manufacturer to offer a neutral aircraft by 2035.   |



# Principles for the application of the SAF Policy in Brazil



- Quality certification
- Sustainability

International Alignment (ICAO)  
CORSIA Eligibility

- Prioritize the most relevant airports for the national aviation sector.

- Incentives for the buyer through credits tax-deducted.
- Without market distortions and no compromising financial sustainability of airline companies.

- Support R&D SAF projects.
- Open to all routes and technologies (not necessarily biomass and residuals) and regional production vocations.



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# National SAF Developments and Strategies USA

# SAF policies at the federal and state level

- Section 13203: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Credit
  - Incentive for SAF (40B tax credit)
  - Incentive amount is based on LCA GHG results
  - LCA is based on CORSIA or RFS
  - Applies to SAF sold or used after December 31, 2022
- Section 13704: Clean Fuel Production Credit
  - Incentive for clean transportation fuels, including SAF (45Z tax credit)
  - Incentive amount is based on LCA GHG results
  - LCA is based on GREET (or as above for SAF)
  - Applies to fuels sold or used after December 31, 2024
- Section 13204: Clean Hydrogen
  - Incentive for clean hydrogen (45V tax credit)
  - Incentive amount is based on LCA GHG results
  - LCA is based on GREET
  - Need regulation/guidance by Aug. 16, 2023 (one year from enactment)
  - State of Illinois
  - \$1.5/gallon tax incentive, based on GREET LCA results
- State of California
  - Will consider jet fuels in CA as regulated fuel under its LCFS regulation

## SAF Provisions of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, signed into law by President Biden on August 16, includes a two-year Tax Credit for those who blend SAF; a subsequent three-year Tax Credit for those who produce SAF; and a grant program of \$290 million over four years to carry out projects that produce, transport, blend or store SAF or develop, demonstrate, or apply low-emission aviation technologies. To be eligible, the SAF must achieve, in general, at least a 50% improvement in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions performance on a life-cycle basis as compared with conventional jet fuel.\* The tax credit – which starts at \$1.25/gallon of neat SAF – increases with every percentage point of improvement in lifecycle emissions performance up to \$1.75/gallon.

# SAF R&D investment

## USA

- FAA FAST-SAF and FAST-Tech program
  - To advance SAF and low emissions aviation technologies to reduce emissions from aviation and aid in addressing climate change
  - \$297 million will be available
- US Department of Energy
  - SAF production technologies
  - Optimized combustion of new jet fuels
- USDA, NASA, and other agencies
- Private sector investment fund
  - United Airlines, Boeing, JP Morgan
  - \$100 million will be available



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# Conclusions

# Key differences EU/USA/Brazil

- Carrot or stick:
  - EU volume-based blending obligation
  - USA carbon intensity-based tax credits
  - Brazil tax credits
- Eligible feedstocks
  - EU SAF only based on residues and wastes or synthetic (PtL), some countries PtL only
  - USA all feedstocks
  - Brazil all feedstocks, incentives for Family Farming



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**Thank you**