



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

Preparatory Meeting with key stakeholders

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Objectives

Although there are still numerous issues to be addressed about safe flying for the passengers the first efforts to restart flying operations are underway by the European airlines.

Even though the courier sector was not hurt as much as the airlines it has also faced problems with the Covid-19 pandemic and reduced business. Deliveries have been delayed by one or several days more due to time consuming safe operations at handling centers and non-contact deliveries to customers.

At this stage of restarting flying operations the airlines cannot financially afford to consider using Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) due to its high cost. The same applies to the courier sector as well.

There is a real and serious danger that for the next several months, if not 1-2 years, decarbonization of the aviation sector and the use of SAF will be ignored and overlooked if not snubbed. If this would be allowed to happen it would be detrimental to aviation in general and may result in long term inability to bring back the decarbonisation debate to the forefront.

There are several stakeholders and discussion fora in the aviation and travel sector such as policy, technology, business travel and travel management companies, courier services etc. They are all part of the demand for and servicing of air travel represented by different associations and forums or roundtables while not always communicating amongst themselves.

The objective of the workshop is to bring together key representatives from these groups of stakeholders and:

- analyze the common issues that unites them and specific issues that separates them in relation to Re-Fly and assist the economic recovery of the European Union,
- understand the demand for sustainability from customers
- debate on the best ways to re-start operations providing safety for the passengers,
- debate on how to ensure that courier services can improve again their operations
- bring forward ideas on how to make certain that discussions related to decarbonisation and SAF remain at the forefront of all deliberations at company, national and EU level
- understanding if the investment sector ready
- speak with one voice to the consumer and the customer bringing a positive message of reliability, trustworthiness and credibility while reaffirming the commitment to decarbonize operations with SAF and other measures.