

SAS backs Bodø e-SAF declaration

SAS joins a broad coalition of aviation and energy stakeholders to support largescale deployment of SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel), with a particular focus on e-SAF (Electro-Sustainable Aviation Fuel).

"The shift away from fossil-based aviation fuels is not only necessary—it is essential. At SAS, we believe in driving progress through partnership and collaboration. A shared understanding of the pathway ahead is crucial for making real and lasting change while supporting the transformation of the industry," says Mads Brandstrup Nielsen, Senior Vice President Public Affairs at SAS.

E-SAF is a synthetic fuel produced from renewable electricity, such as wind, solar, or hydropower. E-SAF is carbon-neutral, as it only emits as much carbon as was captured during production.

The Bodø Declaration was launched following the international SAF seminar in Bodø on April 9–10, which brought together industry representatives, researchers, NGOs, and the European Commission. The event highlighted the need for long-term regulatory frameworks, investment security, and cross-sector collaboration to enable a credible transition.

The declaration builds on initiatives such as Project SkyPower—a joint letter to the European Commission submitted in February 2025, led by SAS and supported by a wide network of aviation and energy stakeholders.

Through the Bodø e-SAF Declaration, producers, technology providers, aircraft and engine manufacturers, airports, policymakers, and researchers unite behind a shared ambition: to ensure aviation can continue to serve its vital role in society while reducing its climate impact.

Strategic partnerships are an essential part of SAS' sustainability approach, and the Bodø Declaration reflects the cross-sector collaboration needed to accelerate progress and meet fast-growing demand. This commitment also laid the foundation for action in November last year, when SAS signed a collaboration agreement to support Danish production of e-SAF together with Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Copenhagen Airport, and Aalborg Airport. The partnership aims to position Denmark as a leader in sustainable aviation, create jobs, and contribute to industry decarbonization through the Fjord PtX project — a Danish initiative dedicated to producing synthetic e-SAF from renewable energy.