



ETS: cut carbon, keep flying affordable

For millions of Europeans, flying is no longer a luxury. European airlines are an essential part of transport infrastructure that keeps you connected to your family, job and your community.

The affordable airfare that Europeans enjoy today can no longer be taken for granted.

The EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) prices carbon emissions that passengers pay when flying, but not enough is being reinvested to decarbonise aviation.



Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) is essential to decarbonising flying

SAF used in 2025

1.1Mt

More than legal minimum

Less GHG emissions in 2025

3.77Mt

Thanks to SAF

Aviation is the hardest and most expensive transport sector to decarbonise

€61B

every year as of 2030
per Draghi report

€768B

cumulative SAF cost
until 2050

€1.3 Trillion

premium cost to reach
net-zero by 2050

ETS can help cut costs, but where does the ETS money passengers pay go?

only **11%**

used to finance SAF in 2025

only **13%**

for SAF allowances
in the new proposal

How to cut emissions while keeping flying affordable?

01

REINVEST 100% IN AVIATION

Ensure Member States invest 100% of aviation ETS payments into aviation decarbonisation

02

INCREASE SAF ALLOWANCES TO 500M

Increase SAF allowances from the proposed 110M to at least 500M between 2029-2040

03

KEEP HEFA SUPPORT

Keep support for more widely available SAF from fats & oils (HEFA) while next-generation SAF scales up

04

CLOSE THE SAF PRICE GAP

Across the three generations of SAF, costs are 3–10x higher than conventional aviation fuel