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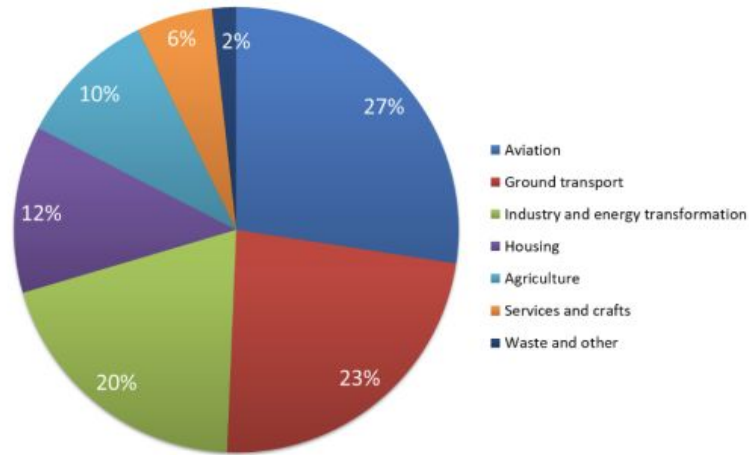


Figure 3: Total global warming impact of main source sectors in Switzerland in 2019, including international aviation (RFI=3). Own figure with data from FOEN (2021)

## Introducing an Air Ticket Tax in Switzerland: Estimated Effects on Demand

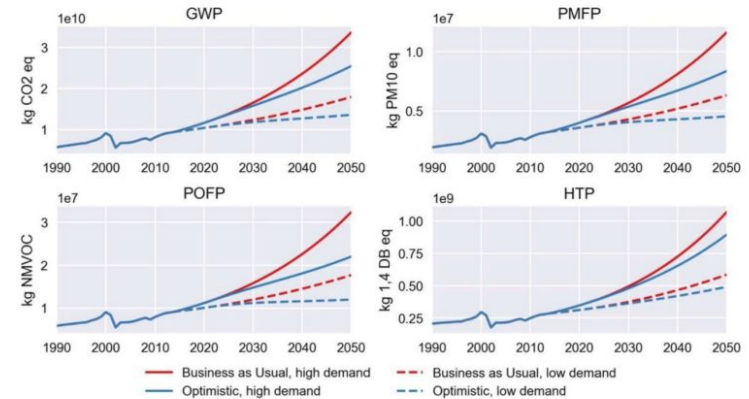


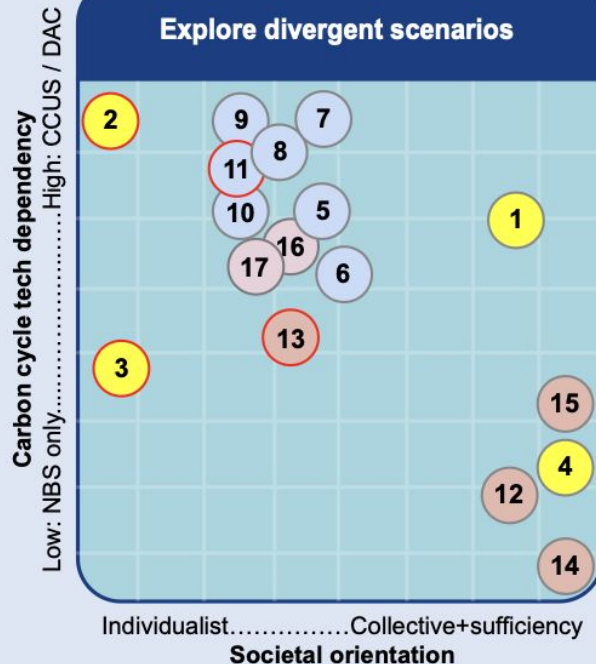
Figure 11: Predictions of the environmental impact potential of entire commercial Swiss air transport sector until 2050 (Cox et al., 2018)

Under this optimistic scenario, the global warming potential (GWP) of Swiss aviation would grow by 46% until 2050 (Figure 11). In a business-as-usual scenario with high demand growth, the GWP could even increase by 243% until 2050. No scenario that resulted in zero growth or a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions was found. The authors, however, excluded future changes to fuel production (biofuels, synthetic fuels), future engine technologies, such as aircraft powered by liquefied hydrogen, as well as policy measures (demand reduction by taxation) from the scope of their analysis.

### Table 16: Comparing the tax scenarios in 2023 (post-COVID-19 upper-bound elasticities)

	CO <sub>2</sub> Act	CO <sub>2</sub> Act with growth	UK Duty	CO <sub>2</sub> levy
Passengers	-21%	-26%	-15%	-19%
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	-16%	-19%	-14%	-17%
Tax revenue (MCHF)	964	1 146	882	1 086

# Reaching Swiss net zero in an uncertain world



### Proposed scenarios

- 1 - Full spectrum
- 2 - Tech-driven
- 3 - Fragmented futures
- 4 - Commons focus

### Main Swiss scenarios

- 5 - EP2050+ Climate Strategy
- 6 - EP2050+ Zero A
- 7 - EP2050+ B&C
- 8 - DeCIRRA Octopus
- 9 - DeCIRRA Butterfly
- 10 - DeCIRRA Snail
- 11 - DeCIRRA Clam

### IPCC

- 12 - IPCC SSP1
- 13 - IPCC SSP2
- 14 - IPCC SR15 P1
- 15 - IPCC SR15 P2

### IEA

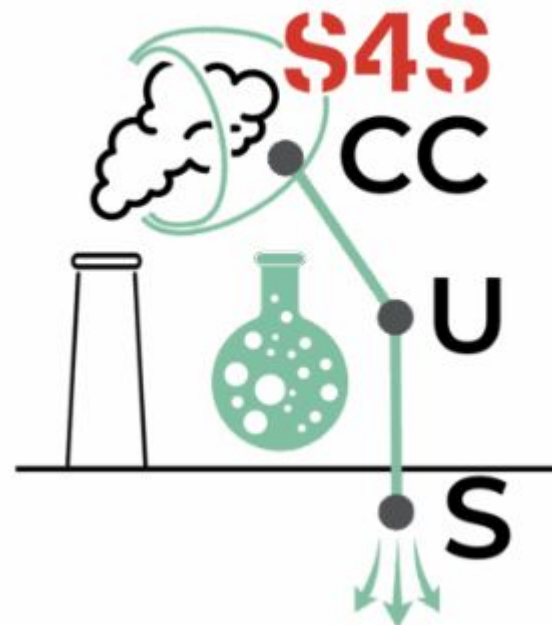
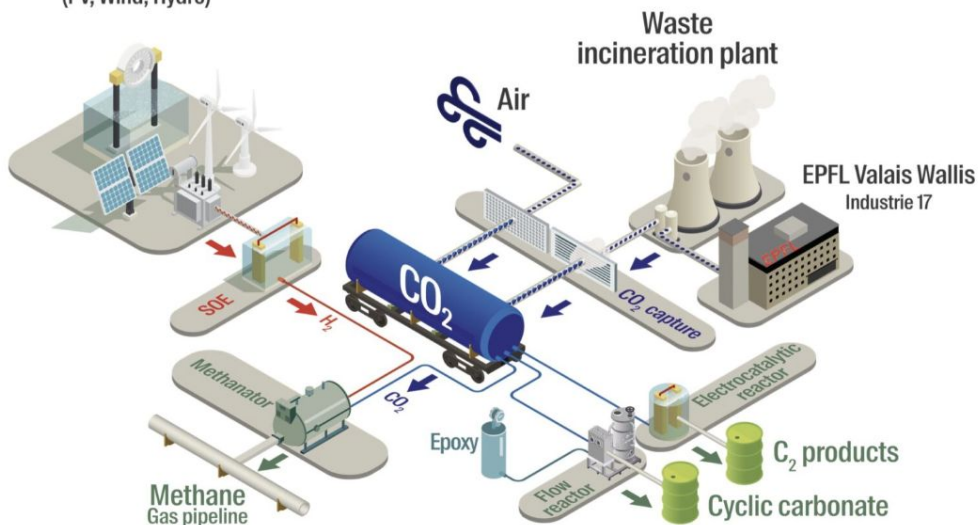
- 16 - Net Zero Roadmap 2021
- 17 - Net Zero Roadmap 2023

○ Net zero 2050 missed



Net Zero Scenario	1. Full spectrum	2. Tech-driven	3. Fragmented futures	4. Commons focus
Net Zero	✓ Yes (2050)	✗ No (~70%)	✗ No (~50%)	✓ Yes (2045)
Carbon management	Multiple: CCUS, NBS, limited DAC	Heavy CCUS, weak NBS	Uneven CCUS, minor NBS, no DAC	Biodiversity-focus NBS, biochar, biomaterials
Tech	Industrial CCUS, EU CO <sub>2</sub> pipelines + storage	Breakthrough DAC and CCUS scale	Uneven deployment	Low-tech innovations
Policy	Fossil fuel exit, tech investment, EU agreements	Tech subsidies, EU agreements	Regional policies, few federal mandates	Sufficiency in housing, mobility, consumption
CO <sub>2</sub> price	● CHF 300–500/t	○ CHF 100/t	○ CHF 100/t	● CHF 300–500/t
Society and culture	Broad public support and knowledge	Passive citizens, no culture change	Distrust, polarization, culture divides	Active society, deep culture shift
Sufficiency	⚠ Partial	✗ No	✗ No	✓ Yes, all sectors
Trade / EU	●	◐	◑	○
CO <sub>2</sub> Pipelines	●	●	◐	○
EU CO <sub>2</sub> storage	●	●	◐	○
International offsets	◐	●	●	○
Risk level	⚠ EU storage capacity and access	⚠⚠⚠ Technology breakthrough, offsets, EU storage	⚠⚠ Unstable society, offsets	Low-medium: inertia, incumbents, speed of culture change

## Renewable energy (PV, Wind, Hydro)



### Large-scale Demonstrator TRL 4/5 → TRL 7

#### WP1: Postcombustion Capture

Accelerated manufacturing for rapid scale-up  
Capture at Valais district heating site (Enev)  
Target capture penalty: 20-30 \$/tonCO<sub>2</sub>

Kumar Varoon Agrawal, Vivek Subramanian, Jürg Schiffmann, Wendy Queen

Roll-to-roll production of graphene membrane,  
High-efficiency capture process by energy harvesting using microturbines  
Production of porous sorbents for hybrid membrane/sorbent process

#### WP2: CO<sub>2</sub> to renewable CH<sub>4</sub> in gas grid

Large-scale valorization of CO<sub>2</sub>  
CO<sub>2</sub> to renewable CH<sub>4</sub> with high-efficiency (>70%)  
by integration of SOE with methanator

#### WP3: CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

Acceleration of geological CO<sub>2</sub> storage  
Lyresse Laloui, Eleni Stavropoulou  
Short-term and long-term CO<sub>2</sub> storage demonstrator at EPFL

### Advancing Critical Technologies TRL 2/3 → TRL 4/5

#### WP4: Direct Air Capture (DAC)

Accelerated material discovery for low-cost DAC

Wendy Queen, Nicola Marzari, Philippe Schwaller, Kumar Varoon Agrawal

High-working capacity porous adsorbents with long lifespan  
combined with highly-selective membranes for dilute feed

#### WP5: CO<sub>2</sub> Refinery

CO<sub>2</sub> to value-added chemicals  
Xile Hu, Jan van Herle  
Stable CO<sub>2</sub> electrolyzer to ethylene, scale-up to 1 kW

### CCUS Enablers

#### WP6: Process Modeling and Integration

Robust, energy-efficient and integrated process  
Franois Marechal, Marina Micari  
Process modeling, techno-economics and life-cycle assessment.

#### WP7: Economics, Financing, Governance, and Policy

Accelerating Swiss net zero  
Sascha Nick  
Financing model, Governance framework,  
public policy instruments

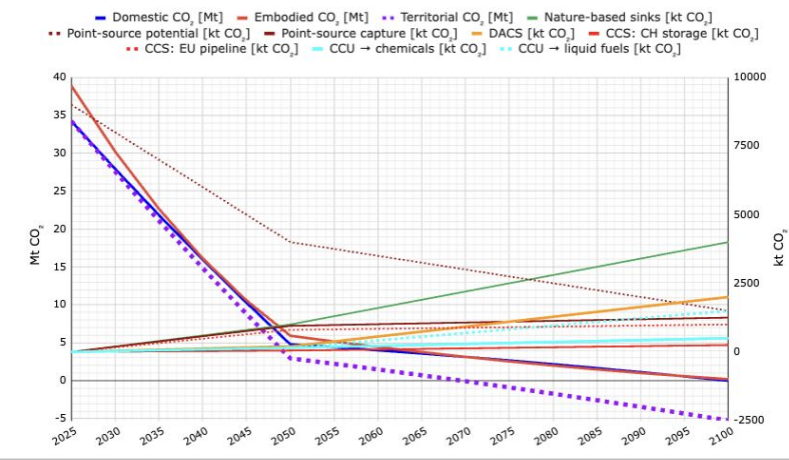
#### WP8: Dissemination, Student Involvement, and Outreach

Training next generation of scientists  
Marina Micari, Kumar Varoon Agrawal, Franois Marechal  
EPFL student MAKE (carbon) team, Master's project

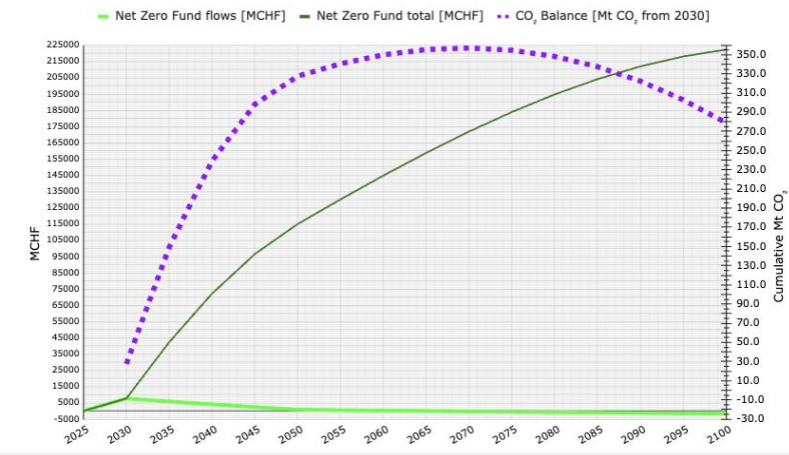
[s4s-ccus.epfl.ch](https://s4s-ccus.epfl.ch)

Configurable Swiss CCUS net zero model 2025-2100				Draft 2026-02-20																				
Input parameter				2025	2050	2100	on/off	sascha.nick@epfl.ch																
1. Full spectrum				Reset																				
<b>Energy</b>				<b>Energy</b>																				
Population [M]	9	11	13	Total final energy [PJ]	1350	1322	1294	1266	1238	1210	1219	1228	1237	1246	1255	1264	1273	1282	1291	1300				
Final energy/cap [GJ]	150	110	100	Total domestic final energy [PJ]	810	805	801	796	791	787	805	824	843	862	881	900	918	937	956	975				
% domestic final energy	60%	65%	75%	+CCUS energy in CH [PJ]	0.0	3.0	5.8	8.4	10.8	13.0	18.7	24.2	29.6	34.7	39.6	44.3	48.8	53.1	57.2	61.1				
% fossil domestic energy	65%	10%	0%	Domestic+CCUS final energy [PJ]	810	808	806	804	802	799	824	848	873	897	920	944	967	990	1013	1036				
% fossil embodied in imports	80%	20%	1%	% fossil domestic energy	65%	54%	43%	32%	21%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%				
Intensity domestic fossil [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e]	65	60	56	% fossil embodied in imports	80%	68%	56%	44%	32%	20%	18%	16%	14%	12%	11%	9%	7%	5%	3%	1%				
Intensity imported fossil [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e]	90	70	60	Intensity domestic fossil [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/GJ]	65	64	63	62	61	60	60	59	59	58	58	58	57	57	56	56				
<b>CCUS energy intensities</b>				<b>CCUS energy intensities</b>																				
Point-source CCS [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	3.8	3.0	2.5	(c) Point-source CCS [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5				
DAC [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	7.2	6.0	4.5	(f) DAC [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5				
CO <sub>2</sub> storage [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0.45	0.42	0.40	(c) CO <sub>2</sub> storage [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.40				
CCU chemicals [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	36.0	28.0	22.0	(e) CCU chemicals [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	36.0	34.4	32.8	31.2	29.6	28.0	27.4	26.8	26.2	25.6	25.0	24.4	23.8	23.2	22.6	22.0				
CCU fuels [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	32.0	29.0	25.0	(e) CCU fuels [GJ/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	32.0	31.4	30.8	30.2	29.6	29.0	28.6	28.2	27.8	27.4	27.0	26.6	26.2	25.8	25.4	25.0				
Assumed nPIL→kerosene				37.2%																				
Assumed nPIL→kerosene				41.7%																				
Assumed nPIL→kerosene				49.5%																				
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> flows</b>				<b>CO<sub>2</sub> flows</b>																				
Domestic CO <sub>2</sub> [Mt]	34.2	27.9	21.8	16.0	10.3	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Embodied CO <sub>2</sub> [Mt]	38.9	30.2	22.7	16.1	10.6	5.9	5.2	4.4	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2				
Point-source potential [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	9000	4000	1500	1	1	9000	8000	7000	6000	5000	4000	3750	3500	3250	3000	2750	2500	2250	2000	1750	1500			
Point-source capture [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	190	380	570	760	950	980	1010	1040	1070	1100	1130	1160	1190	1220	1250	1280	1310	1340	1370	1400			
Nature-based sinks [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	1000	4000	1	1	1000	1300	1600	1900	2200	2500	2800	3100	3400	3700	4000	4300	4600	4900	5200	5500			
CCS: CH storage [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	50	250	1	1	50	70	90	110	130	150	170	190	210	230	250	270	290	310	330	350			
CCS: EU pipeline [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	800	1000	1	1	800	820	840	860	880	900	920	940	960	980	1000	1020	1040	1060	1080	1100			
CCU → chemicals [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	150	500	1	1	150	185	220	255	290	325	360	395	430	465	500	535	570	605	640	675			
CCU → liquid fuels [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	150	1500	1	1	150	285	420	555	690	825	960	1095	1230	1365	1500	1635	1770	1905	2040	2175			
CCU → kerosene [kt]	0	47	475	1	1	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47			
DACS [kt CO <sub>2</sub> ]	0	200	2000	1	1	200	380	560	740	920	1100	1280	1460	1640	1820	2000	2180	2360	2540	2720	2900			
<b>Costs</b>				<b>Costs</b>																				
Electricity cost CHF/MWh	60	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175			
Nature-based [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250		
Point-source capture [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	200	120	100	100	100	100	118	116	114	112	110	108	106	104	102	100	98	96	94	92	90	88		
Storage cost [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	200	100	70	70	70	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76	73	70	67	64	61	58	55	52		
CCU → chemicals [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	3000	1500	1200	1200	1200	1500	1470	1440	1410	1380	1350	1320	1290	1260	1230	1200	1170	1140	1110	1080	1050	1020		
CCU → fuels [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	3000	2000	1500	1500	1500	2000	1950	1900	1850	1800	1750	1700	1650	1600	1550	1500	1450	1400	1350	1300	1250	1200		
DACS cost [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	1200	600	250	250	250	600	565	530	495	460	425	390	355	320	285	250	215	180	145	110	75	40		
Carbon price [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	30	350	1000	1	1	350	415	480	545	610	675	740	805	870	935	1000	1065	1130	1195	1260	1325	1390		
Subsidy for CCS/DACS [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	250	120	100	1	1	120	118	116	114	112	110	108	106	104	102	100	98	96	94	92	90	88		
Subsidy for U [CHF/t CO <sub>2</sub> ]	100	80	0	1	1	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Net Zero Fund (Polluter pays) [CHF]	280	280	280	1	1	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280		
Net Zero Fund interest rate	2.5%	2.0%	1.0%	1	1	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%		
<b>Risk dimension 2050</b>				<b>Risk dimension 2050</b>																				
Net zero 2050 reached	≤0	≤5 Mt	>5 Mt	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9		
Overshoot / CO <sub>2</sub> to 2050	<90%	<115%	>=115%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%	107%		
Tech deployment	<0.25 Mt	≤1.5 Mt	>1.5 Mt	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35		
CCUS energy burden	<3%	<10%	>=10%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%		
EU storage dependency	<20%	<60%	>=60%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%		
CCU energy cost	<70%	<100%	>=100%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%		
Net Zero Fund	>110%	>90%	<90%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%	149%		
PAYG coverage (in/out)	>150%	>95%	<=95%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%	165%		

### Swiss CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



### Net Zero Fund (Polluter pays)





Article

# Towards True Climate Neutrality for Global Aviation: A Negative Emissions Fund for Airlines

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**Abstract:** What would it take for aviation to become climate-neutral by 2050? We develop and model a trajectory for aviation to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 90% by 2050, down to a level where all residual emissions can be removed from the atmosphere without crowding out other sectors that also need negative emissions. To make emitters pay for the carbon removal, we propose and model a negative emissions fund for airlines (NEFA). We show that it can pay for the removal of all CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by aviation from 2030 onwards, for a contribution to the fund of USD 200–250 per ton CO<sub>2</sub> emitted. In our baseline simulation, USD 3.3 trillion is invested by the fund over 40 years in high-quality carbon removal projects designed for biodiversity and societal co-benefits. While we do propose a number of governance principles and concrete solutions, our main goal is to start a societal dialogue to ensure aviation becomes both responsible and broadly beneficial.

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# Net-Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050



## Translations:

Élimination des émissions nettes de carbone d'ici 2050 (pdf)  
 Zero emissão líquida de carbono até 2050 (pdf)  
 Cero emisiones

netas de CO2 en 2050 (pdf)

国际航协：2050年实现净零碳排放 (pdf)

**Boston** - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting approved a resolution for the global air transport industry to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. This commitment will align with the Paris Agreement goal for global warming not to exceed 1.5°C.

"The world's airlines have taken a momentous decision to ensure that flying is sustainable. The post-COVID-19 re-connect will be on a clear path towards net zero. That will ensure the freedom of future generations to sustainably explore, learn, trade, build markets, appreciate cultures and connect with people the world over. With the collective efforts of the entire value chain and supportive government policies, aviation will achieve net zero emissions by 2050," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.



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## Countries' support global 'Net-zero 2050' emissions target to achieve sustainable aviation



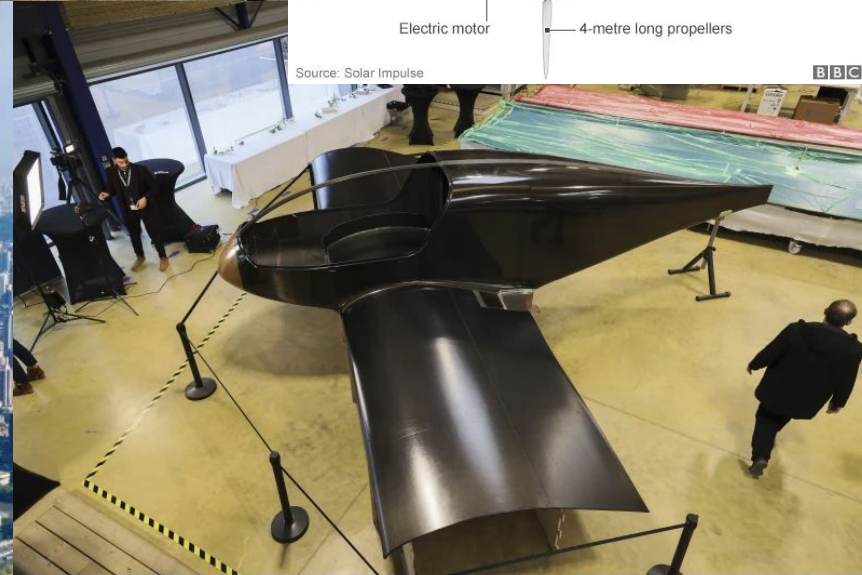
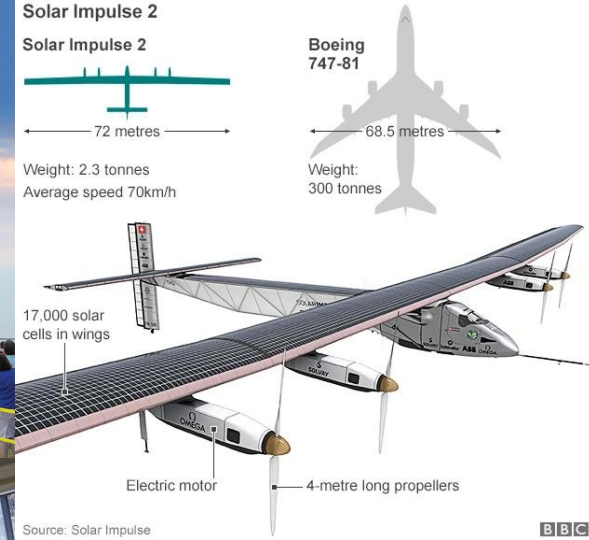
Ministers and other high-level officials concluded high-level environment talks at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal on 22 July 2022, supporting a collective global goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

**Montréal, 25 July 2022** – Ministers and officials engaged in high level environment talks brokered by ICAO have urged countries to cooperate further through the UN agency toward a collective global long term aspirational goal (LTAG) of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, in support of the Paris Agreement's temperature target.

The conclusions came Friday evening after four days of deliberations among Ministers and other high-level officials representing 119 countries at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, with over 700 participants from States and International Organizations attending the hybrid Meeting.

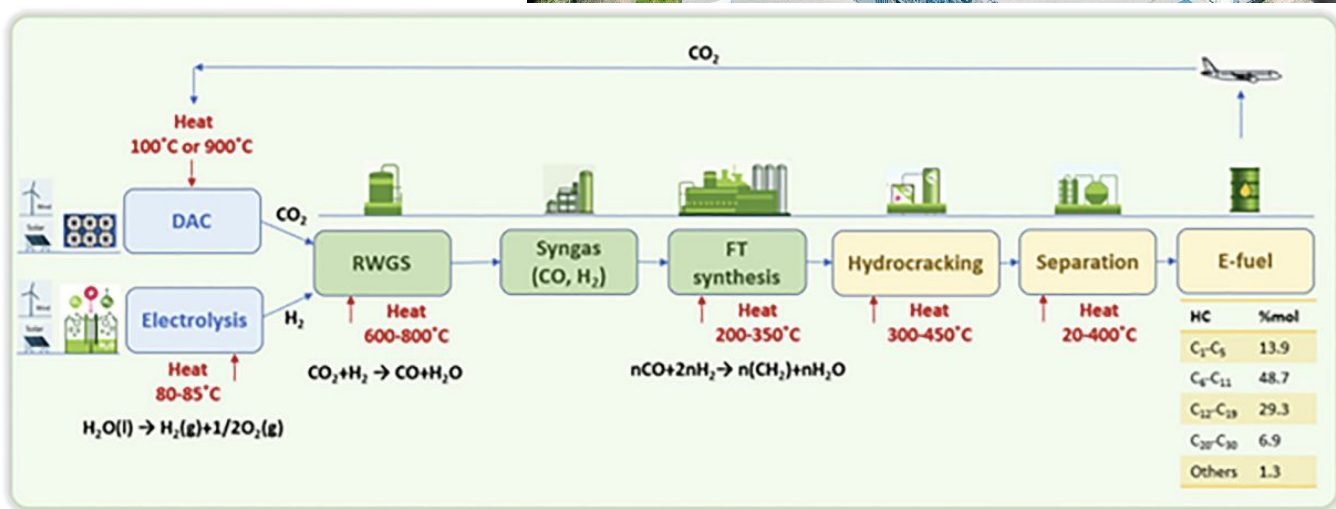
Recognizing that each State's special circumstances and respective capabilities will inform the ability of each to contribute within its own national timeframe, while showcasing a collaborative spirit through constructive dialogue and respect for diversity, the new conclusions will aid a just and green transition for the decarbonisation of international aviation.

# Climate-neutral Aviation?



The Climate Impulse, a plane powered by liquid hydrogen, is displayed in a hangar in Les Sables d'Olonne, France on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025. (AP Photo/Yohan Bonnet)

# “Climate-neutral” e-fuels?



Top left:  
Synhelion DAWN, Jülich DE,  
ca. 100 kL/yr

Above:  
Ineratec Era One, Frankfurt DE,  
“up to 2’500 t/yr”

Left:  
Ozkan et al., 2024

[doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2024.109154](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2024.109154)

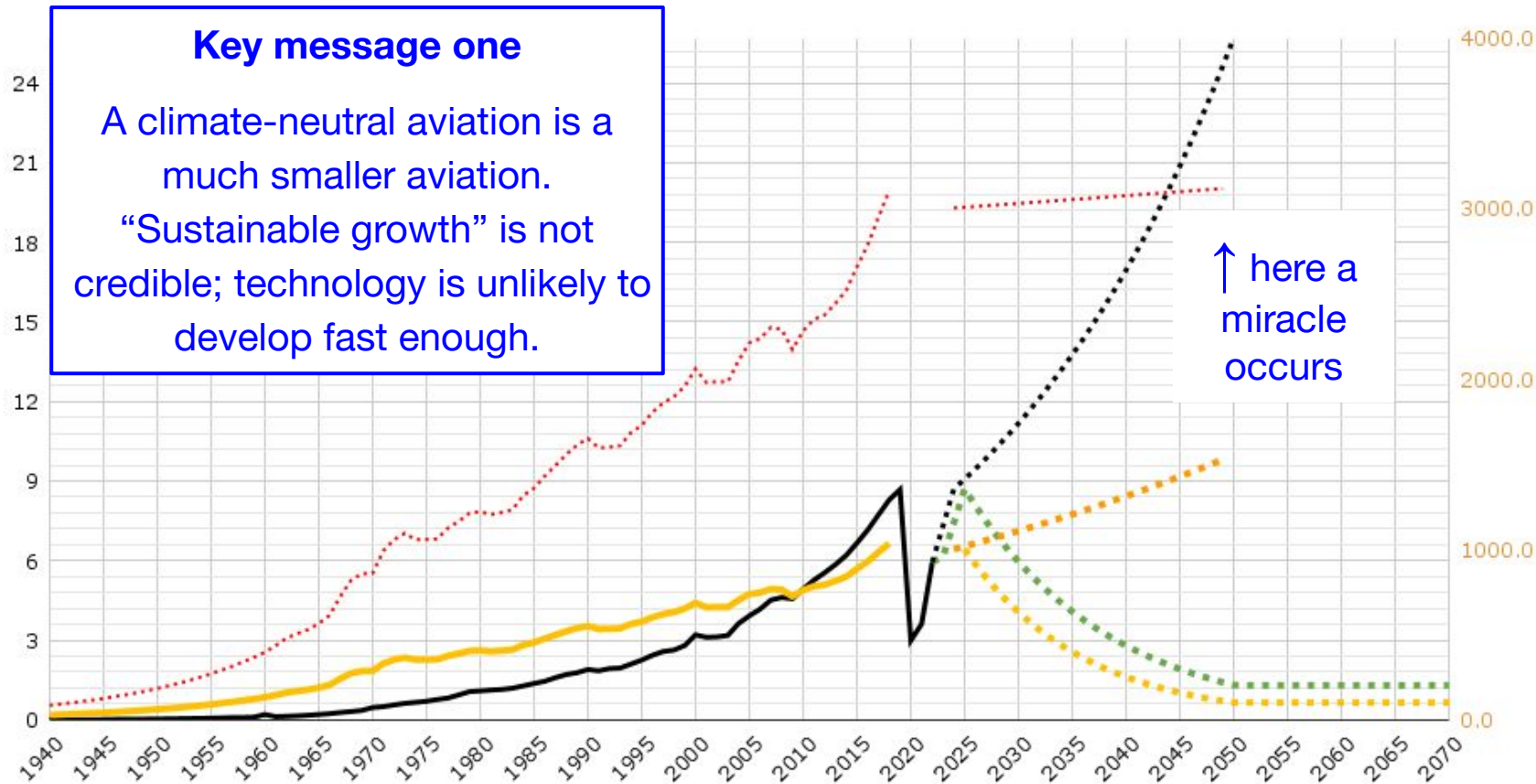
**Figure 1. The e-fuel production involves producing hydrogen through water electrolysis and sourcing CO<sub>2</sub> via direct air capture**

DAC technology extracts CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the atmosphere to create aviation e-fuels, which form a closed-loop system. This approach aligns with the circular economy concept, reduces aviation's carbon footprint, and contributes to the fight against climate change.

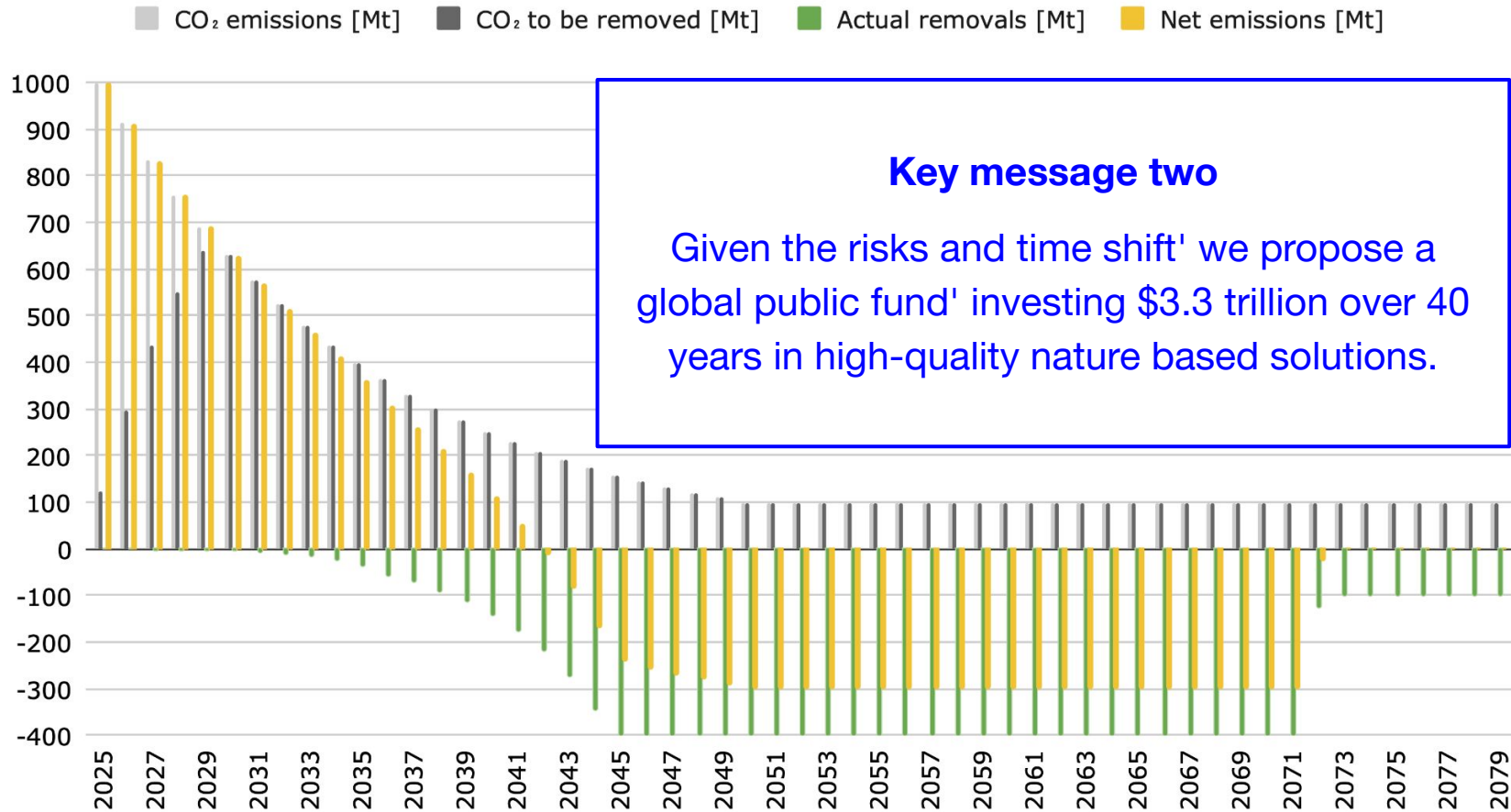
DAC, direct air capture; RWGS, the reverse water gas shift; FT, Fischer-Tropsch; HC, hydrocarbon.

Aircraft	Fuel volume [liters]	Fuel mass [kg]
Antonov AN-225	375'000	300'000
Airbus A380	323'546	253'983
Boeing 747-8	238'610	190'888
Boeing 777-200LR	181'283	145'538
Airbus A350-1000	158'791	124'651
Boeing 787-10 'Dreamliner'	126'372	101'456
BAC Concorde	119'600	95'680
Airbus A320	27'200	21'760
Boeing 737 Max	25'940	20'752
Airbus A300 'Beluga'	23'860	19'088
Dassault Falcon 6X	19'156	15'325

— Past RPK [ $10^{12}$  p-km]    ■ Future RPK (-7.3% p.a.)    ■ Future RPK (ICAO-mid)    — CO<sub>2</sub> emissions [Mt, right axis]  
 ● Future CO<sub>2</sub> emissions [Mt, right axis]    ● Future CO<sub>2</sub> ICAO-mid, lower bound [Mt, right axis]  
 ● Estimate of past + lower bound future CO<sub>2</sub>eq ICAO-mid [Mt, right axis]



# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and removals [Mt]



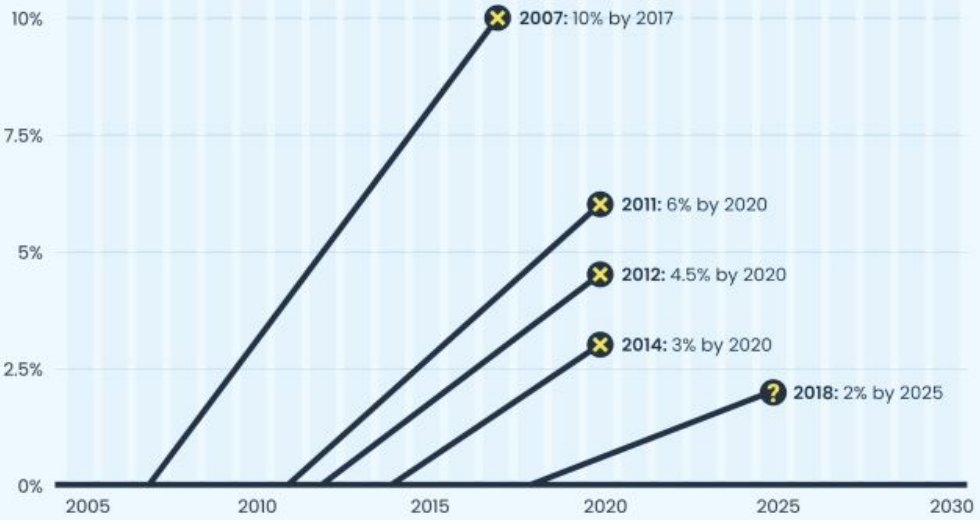
# Missed Targets

## A brief history of aviation climate targets

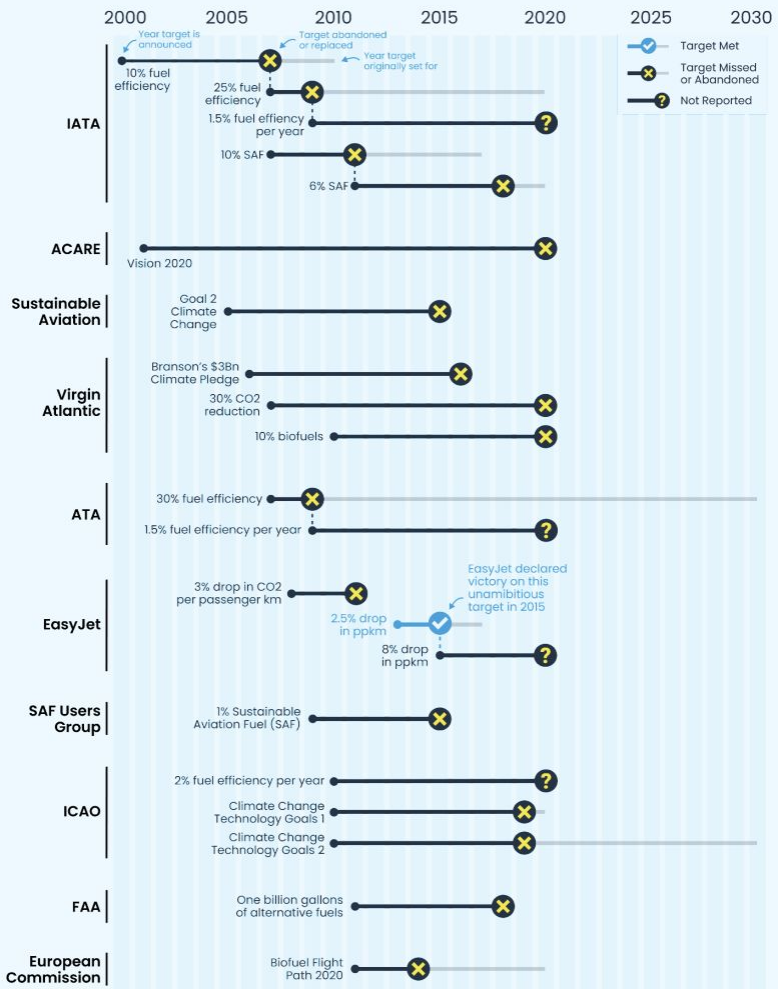


**Key message three**

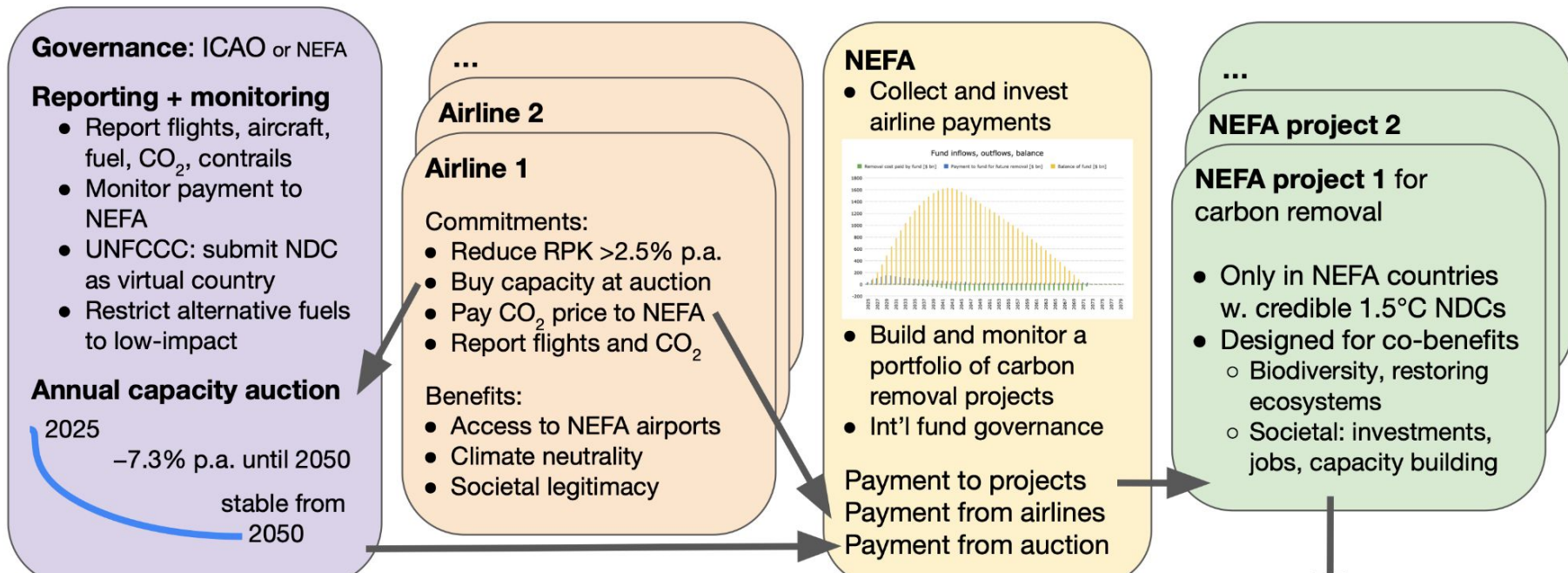
Based on its track record' aviation cannot be trusted to decarbonize voluntarily and must be regulated.



### Two Decades of Missed and Abandoned Aviation Industry Sustainability Targets



# Structure of the proposed Negative Emissions Fund for Airlines (NEFA)



## Key message four

A well-designed governance ensures compliance' mobilizes significant resources for biodiversity and societal wellbeing' and gives a future to aviation.

### Climate Club: EU + other

- Require airline participation
- Participate in the Climate C
- Submit credible 1.5°C NDC
- Ensure NEFA projects are g
- Engage citizens to ensure b

### Why join the Climate Club?

- NEFA project funding + benefits
- Benefits of 1.5°C climate
- No public funding needed
- Societal benefits + acceptance
- Aviation beneficial for all



## Sustainability »

# Towards climate-neutral aviation: fewer flights, benefits for biodiversity and society, and renewed legitimacy for airlines

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## Key message five

From the perspective of main stakeholders' big but not insurmountable changes are needed' many with positive side-effects.

## Large companies

Most obviously, the total cost of flying would go down by two thirds, and videoconferencing would be used even more than today. Over time, globalized supply chains might be at a disadvantage and could be reconfigured to become more regional or local, with only a few components truly globally sourced – for example, specialized microprocessors. As this would happen over two decades, there is time to adjust, and in the process make supply chains more resilient, circular, and sustainable. Now is the time to rethink business models, eliminate planned obsolescence, and start curbing extraction, material, and energy use. However, given the time needed to reconfigure supply chains, planning should start immediately, starting with new products and services.

## Academia

In terms of operations, reducing academic staff travel would just be the beginning. This would mean more local or regional conferences, with fewer participants, remotely connected to related events elsewhere when needed, but little flying. Executive or other learning programs could be planned in ways that would minimize travel – adjusting schedules, combining events, on-site teams remotely connected to other teams, and longer and more local gatherings incorporating multiple activities. More fundamentally, helping society to rapidly adjust to a post-fossil fuel, limited extraction world could become an essential focus of research and teaching, especially in business education.

## Agricultural communities

Any transition towards sustainability will only work if it benefits communities and wins their support. Climate change, biodiversity loss, soil depletion, and very different precipitation patterns are already affecting almost every agricultural community in the world, and they must adapt to these threats in order to survive. A limitation in air transport capacity will also impact global food exports, reducing the markets available to many agricultural communities, which would be extremely challenging, especially for disadvantaged populations. On the other hand, continuing today's agricultural trajectory will lead to a collapse in ecosystem services, including food production, which would disproportionately affect such communities. There is no single solution, but our proposal mobilizes around \$100 billion each year for decades to invest in nature-based solutions, with most carbon removal projects managed by and for the benefit of local communities in participating countries. Restoring and protecting wetlands, mangroves, corals, forests, and other ecosystems would all qualify, as would soil health projects, which would also improve food production resilience.

## Airlines

Surprisingly, aviation is perhaps the easiest sector to adapt, even though it is the one that will be transformed most by the transition to climate-neutral aviation. Predictable flight reductions would facilitate investments and asset management, hiring and training, flight route planning, ultimately ensuring service quality. Reporting guidelines developed for the current Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) could be adapted. The 25-year transition period is longer than the timeframe airlines had for previous adaptations, even before COVID-19. The 1980s, the reference period for the number of flights, was a profitable and predictable period for airlines. Most importantly, in a world of constrained resources, becoming climate neutral would renew airlines' social license and ensure the future of the aviation sector.

Abo Transport aérien

## Voler sur des avions «verts» en 2050 coûtera plus cher

Des chercheurs de l'EPFL ont mis au point un modèle pour financer la décarbonation de l'aviation civile d'ici à trente ans. Il suppose une réduction drastique des vols et une hausse des tarifs.



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L'aviation civile a émis 1 milliard de tonnes de CO<sub>2</sub> en 2019. Le chemin vers le zéro net carbone en 2050 est encore long.

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### Key message six

Holistically' the proposed approach reverses globalization and deregulation' and shifts resources from the top 1% to the rest of humanity' reducing biodiversity loss' the climate crisis' inequality' and improving resilience.

It also gives a future to aviation and shows the way forward for other “hard to decarbonize” sectors.

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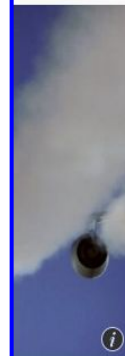
Sascha Nick est l'un des promoteurs du Fonds d'émissions négatives pour les compagnies aériennes (INEFA). Il explique pourquoi les mesures actuelles sont insuffisantes et détaille le mécanisme du modèle créé à l'EPFL.

peuvent être verts dans trente ans. Illusion aussi? DATA, l'association qui regroupe les compagnies, de même que l'Organisation de l'aviation civile internationale (OACI) ont certes un objectif plus ambitieux, aligné sur la feuille de route du GIEC, à savoir la neutralité carbone en 2050. Cependant, les moyens pour y parvenir ne suffisent pas. L'hydrogène est un substitut encore à l'état embryonnaire, dont les premiers prototypes sont attendus pour 2035, et une éventuelle commercialisation beaucoup plus tard, trop tard en tout cas pour être inclus dans l'objectif 2050. Et encore faut-il qu'il soit vert (ndlr: électrique de l'eau grâce

plus d'émissions de CO<sub>2</sub> que le kérosène. C'est ce qu'on appelle le «carburant durable» celui issu de l'huile de palme, qui émet 100 grammes de CO<sub>2</sub> par mégajoule (MJ). Comme l'algogramme équivaut à 43 MJ, cela signifie qu'il émettrait environ 4 kilos de CO<sub>2</sub> alors que le kérosène n'en émet que 3, ce ne dit pas que les biocarburants ne font pas partie de la solution, mais ils ne contribuent qu'à un petit pourcentage de la réduction des émissions, essentiellement basés sur les déchets alimentaires.

D'autant que le CO<sub>2</sub> n'est pas la plus importante source de pollution de l'aviation... Effectivement. Deux tiers des effets

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Deux chercheurs suisses ont calculé à quelles conditions le secteur du transport aérien peut respecter ses promesses de décarbonation. Pour l'instant, le compte n'y est pas.