

SEA GIVES INCENTIVES TO AIRLINES USING BIOFUELS (SAFs) AT MILAN MALPENSA AND MILAN LINATE AIRPORTS

Milan, 21 April 2023 - SEA, Milan's airport management company, has set up a financial support programme for airlines operating at Milan airports that will use biofuels (SAFs) during 2023.



By reducing CO₂ emissions from the use of fossil fuels by 65%, SAFs are currently the most rapid and concrete answer to cutting them while waiting for hydrogen-powered aircraft to be available. This is another area SEA is working on together with the European aviation industry.

After signing an agreement with ENI in 2021 to develop the use and supply of biofuels for aviation, SEA is now committed to paying a contribution of €500 per tonne of "pure SAF" bought by airlines and actually supplied and blended with fossil fuel at Linate and Malpensa airports during 2023 to cover part of the extra cost of SAFs compared to traditional fuel. The total funds available for 2023 amount to €450,000.

The programme is divided into two sub-periods (April-August and September-December) in order to encourage more companies to participate by also involving those not yet familiar with SAF.

SEA's initiative is consistent with the most advanced policies in the aviation sector, first of all the recent National Airport Plan, and has immediately aroused considerable interest: the applications received for the first sub-period have exceeded by about 30 times the available incentives.

DHL, ITA Airways, Volotea and Cargolux Airlines are just some of the airlines that responded to the call to support their decarbonisation policies.

The CEO of SEA, Armando Brunini, said: *"I am convinced that the decarbonisation of the aviation sector must be a team effort where airports such as ours, which are already working on their own infrastructure, must take an extra step by stimulating and facilitating other players in the sector, such as airlines, to speed up their decarbonisation process. The positive response we have received allows us to announce that the initiative will be replicated in 2024".*

The President of Enac, Pierluigi Di Palma, said: *"The future of air transport lies in a reconciliation with the environment through technological innovations. Enac stands by SEA and all operators that activate incentive programmes for the use of SAF and welcomes initiatives such as those that have been launched at Milan Linate and Milan Malpensa. Our Agency immediately recognised the key role that SAFs can play in the decarbonisation of air transport, and as early as 2019, when it established the National Observatory on SAFs, it promoted activities aimed at exchanging technical and regulatory information between national and international institutional bodies and air transport operators in Italy."*