Demand for Green Fuels and Import Options for the EU

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Outline



- Modelling setup
- Aviation
- Shipping
- Import from MENA
- Global fuel trade

Aviation

(4D-RACE)





- Coupled modelling system
- **Integrated Energy and Transport Modelling in BENiVer**





Aviation Demand



- About 25% of the flights are > 1500 km
- About 75% of the CO₂ Emissions or Fuel demand is from these flights
- Main emissions and demand come from long distance flights
- Energy carrier with a high gravimetric and volumetric density is required



Source: https://www.eurocontrol.int/publication/eurocontrol-data-snapshot-co2-emissions-flight-distance

Fuel demand/CO2-Emission for different Plane Sizes and Travel Distances



		Flight Distance (km)													
Aircraft Class	Seats	0-1000	1000- 2000	2000- 3000	3000- 4000	4000- 5000	5000- 6000	6000- 7000	7000- 8000	8000- 9000	9000- 10000	>10000	CO2	Flights	Passenger -km
Commuter	0-19												0,08%	2,0%	0,03%
Extra-Small	20-100												4,3%	23,9%	3,6%
Small	101-210												37,3%	58,3%	41,9%
Medium	211-300												25,6%	10,2%	24,5%
Large	>300												32,7%	5 , 6%	29,9%
CO2		17%	22%	12%	8%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	9%			
Flights		55%	28%	9%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	Share of total in 2020		
Passenger-km		15%	25%	14%	9%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	8%			
Share of total CO2 emissions:			0%		0%-0.1%		0.1%-2%		2%-5%		5%-10%		10%-15%	1	

Source: Clean Sky Technology Evaluator, <u>https://cleansky.paddlecms.net/sites/default/files/2021-10/TE-FGA-TR_en.pdf</u>

Only 5% of all flights have a distance > 3000 km – but these are responsible for 49% of the emissions and fuel demand

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Aviation demand

- Progressive scenario: Efficiency improvement in aviation technologies
- Fuel demand is rising in EU 27
- Hydrogen planes starting 2040 for distances up to 2500 km, may slightly reduce the fuel demand
- SAF share from REFuelEU Aviation/Fitfor-55 (rising towards 70% SAF in 2050)
- High demand in Power2X Fuels, more than 25 Mio t in 2050.





Shipping

- Alternative fuels need higher storage volumes
- Recent update of IMO targets in 2023:
 - Net zero by 2050
 - Fuel uptake from 2030
- Maersk is building methanol ships
- Battery and fuel cell prototypes for inland and short distances (e.g. ferries).
- The future is still quite open
 - Possibly a multifuel world depending on distances and routes
 - New IMO targets require actions

Fuel	Relative required Tank Volume
VLSFO	1
LNG	1.6-2
LPG	1.5-2
Methanol	2.5
Ammonia	4
Hydrogen	6-10

Source: DNV Webinar Alternative ship fuels, April 28th, 2022



Source: own image



Road Transport: Special Vehicles, Agriculture, ...

Special Vehicles

- Agriculture
- Construction machines
- Firefighters, Police, Assistance
- Military
- Busses

Challenges

- High cost for replacements
- Low operation times
- High willingness to pay to continue operation

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Fuel demand

 1.7 Mio tonnes per year in Germany



Import from MENA-fuels: Levelised Cost of synthetic Fuels in MENA for different RE Technologies

With specific country risks (WACC)



- LCOF [€/I] Significant influence of country specific risk assessment on LCOF
 - Regions with low LCOF
 - PV, CSP und Wind (all)
 - Region Morocco
 - PV und CSP (Solar)
 - Red Sea (EG, JOR, S-A)
 - South of Libya
 - Yemen and Oman
 - Wind

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- Algeria, Centre
- South of Libya
- Southeast of Egypt
- Saudi-Arabia, Centre



MENA FUELS

MENA-fuels: Cost Potentials of synthetic Fuels in the MENA Regions for specific RE Technologies

With consideration of their own demand



Very high export potential

 Comparison to the German demand in the transport sector (scenario classical drive trains) for 2050: ca. 435 TWh/a (red line)



MENA FUELS

Global Trade Model



- Island supply, only RE supply determines load factor
- Individual economic consideration with the goal of profit maximisation
- Consideration of country-specific interest rates and customs duties
- Trade is done until the demand is satisfied or there are no potentials left
- Merit order for each import country
- Continuation in the next year
- For insufficient potentials the program is stopped



Import of synthetic Fuels



- Production cost within a country determines willingness to pay for imports
- Scenario EL: Fuels mainly for aviation and shipping
- Business as usual scenario: Interest rates similar to today
- Trade is dominated by interest
- EU will produce about 50% of its own fuels
- The other half will be imported



EU NORTH-AMERICA OCEANIA EUROPE

Green hydrocarbons, 2050, Scenario-Variant EL_bau

Conclusions

- Long distance aviation and shipping in particular will need green fuels for defossilisation
 - Main fuel demand in aviation for intercontinental flights
 - Fuel options for shipping are still open, but there is a tendency to a multi-fuel world
- Agriculture, construction, military, will need green fuels in the future
- Production of fuel should focus on fuels required in the long term (for aviation and shipping), avoid stranded investments
- Imports of green fuels will depend on the prices that emerge on the global market in comparison to own production potentials.
 - But: Political priorities, country-specific risks and the enormous need to cover growing domestic demand for renewable energy in potential export countries raise questions about the desired level of imports





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