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STIP offers no clear flightpath for sufficient and affordable SAF

The Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP), presented by the European Commission today, represents a small step in the right direction but lacks the concrete and immediate action that aircraft operators need to accelerate SAF offtake.

With estimated investment needs of €100 billion by 2035, €3.5 billion is merely a drop in the ocean to seriously develop a EU SAF market. Moreover, the calls of the aviation industry continue to be ignored by not imminently introducing a Book & Claim system and not improving the SAF allowances framework.

The EEA urgently calls on the Commission to:

- **Develop a credible and traceable Book & Claim system:** The time has passed for feasibility assessments. A robust Book & Claim mechanism is the most effective tool to increase SAF availability and affordability, and has been consistently supported by the aviation industry.
- **Strengthen SAF incentive:** Extend and expand the current €20 million SAF allowances beyond 2030, and adapt the distribution mechanism to support multi year SAF offtake agreements. The existing mechanism is lacking scale and duration.

These two long overdue measures are essential for a mature and competitive European SAF market and a resilient pathway to a competitive, connected, and climate-neutral aviation sector.

The EU must act now.

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About the European Express Association

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