



## JOINT STATEMENT

### European Business Aviation industry encouraged by RefuelEU Aviation initiative

**Brussels, 13 July 2021.** Today, industry associations European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) and General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) are encouraged by the newly published RefuelEU Aviation Initiative, as it works towards advancing the production, availability and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) in the region.

The Initiative, published today by the European Commission, is a key building block of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. This Initiative is an essential policy tool designed to increase the uptake of SAF and support the delivery of the EU's climate targets and the [Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change](#).

**EBAA Secretary-General Athar Husain Khan** says: *"The RefuelEU Aviation Initiative lays the foundation for a strong partnership between policymakers and industry to deliver SAF as a key enabler of the European Green Deal objective to reduce transport-related emissions."*

Adding to this, **GAMA Senior Vice President for European Affairs Kyle Martin** said: *"The general and business aviation industry is keenly focused on fulfilling its commitment to environmental sustainability. The increased use of SAF, as proposed in the RefuelEU Aviation Initiative, will further complement our manufacturers ongoing efforts to reduce aviation's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions."*

Cross-industry partnerships are key to delivering EU-wide availability of SAF and driving down sectoral emissions at an accelerated pace. Additionally, business aviation is actively working with other partners to introduce a global and robust Book & Claim system that will help SAF progressively make its way into aircraft fuel tanks all over Europe. With immediate prioritisation of advanced biofuels and increasing shares of synthetic fuels over time, SAF will become more competitive relative to conventional kerosene, in support of European Green Deal sustainability goals for aviation.

Both associations will be analysing and following the proposal closely, as it is reviewed and scrutinised by the European Parliament and European Council to assess the impact it has on their respective memberships and to ensure the final outcome is for the benefit of all Europeans and the environment.

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**About EBAA:** The European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) is the leading organisation for operators of Business aircraft in Europe. Our mission is to enable responsible, sustainable growth for Business aviation, enhance connectivity and create opportunities. EBAA works to improve safety standards and share knowledge, to further positive regulation and to ease all aspects of closely tailored, flexible, point to point air transportation for individuals, governments, Businesses and local



communities in the most time-efficient way possible. Founded in 1977 and based in Brussels, EBAA represents +700 members companies, corporate operators, commercial operators, manufacturers, airports, fixed-based operators, and more, with a total fleet of +1,000 aircraft. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), or visit our website on [www.ebaa.org](http://www.ebaa.org).

**About GAMA:** The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) represents more than 120 of the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation airplanes, rotorcraft, engines, avionics, components, and related services and technologies. GAMA members are also providers of maintenance and repair services, fixed-based operations, pilot and maintenance training, and aircraft management. Additionally, GAMA represents companies in the emerging sector of advanced air mobility, which includes the development of vertical take-off and landing aircraft as well as electric propulsion and autonomous systems for civil purposes. For more information, visit GAMA's website at [www.GAMA.aero](http://www.GAMA.aero).