

Vueling promotes the use of Sustainable Fuel on flights with Avikor

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Madrid, 20 June 2022 – The airline Vueling, which forms part of IAG, promotes the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) with the Avikor system, owned by Exolum, Europe's leading logistics company of liquid products.

Through the Avikor service integrated to the ticket purchasing process, Vueling offers its passengers the possibility to make a small contribution on a voluntary basis, so that SAF is supplied into the airport's refueling system on the day of each flight, replacing the traditional kerosene.

This process aims to reduce CO2 emissions by up to 80% with this fuel becoming one of the main alternatives to decarbonise the aviation sector.

In addition, the more members of the flight contribute, the more Vueling will compensate towards a greener flight, doubling the same amount of contributions made by passengers using this service.

Franc Sanmartí, Director of Sustainability and Government Affairs at Vueling, says:

"This service will allow Vueling to continue to offer competitive prices and accelerate the transition to carbon neutral and greener transport".

Andrés Suarez, Exolum's Global Director of Strategy and Innovation, says:

"Avikor provides the possibility of sustainable travel by reducing the CO2 footprint of each flight and facilitating access to the SAF for all passengers who wish to do so".

This service is already available for bookings through the Vueling app or by accessing the Vueling website from mobile devices. The desktop version will be available in early July.

This agreement is part of the objectives set out in the *Flightpath Net Zero* programme, through which the airline is committed to achieving zero net CO2 emissions by 2050.

Passengers using this service will receive a certificate accrediting the volume of sustainable fuel supplied with their contribution and the CO2 emissions avoided in accordance with a process certified by AENOR as an independent entity.

A suitable fuel for today's aircraft engines

Sustainable fuel is a fuel made from organic waste (agricultural or forestry waste, urban waste, plastics, recycled oils, etc.). This way, PBS manufacturing and its subsequent use in aviation becomes an outstanding example of circular economy. Its chemical composition is similar to traditional kerosene and it can be blended and used in the aircraft engine without any adaptation.

Current production of sustainable fuel is less than 0.01% of global aviation consumption and the price of this type of fuel is 3 to 5 times higher than traditional fuel. This initiative will help to use more sustainable fuel, increasing its production and achieving a lower cost in the future.

10% of sustainable flights by 2030

IAG, the group to which Vueling belongs, has become the first airline group in Europe to commit with 10% of flight operations using sustainable aviation fuel by 2030.

About Vueling

Vueling, an airline part of IAG group, is key to connectivity in Europe. For this summer 2022, the company has a network of more than 330 short and medium-haul routes in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Last November, Vueling made the first flight with sustainable fuel produced from waste on the route between Barcelona and Seville. It was carried out with the help of Repsol and managed to reduce atmospheric emissions by 2.5 tonnes of CO₂, thanks to the efficiency provided by the new generation Airbus A320neo, the use of biofuel and other efficiency procedures implemented.

Vueling, which was the first low-cost airline in Europe to obtain IATA environmental certification, now has 25 new-generation A320neo aircraft in its fleet, reducing carbon emissions by 18%.

About Exolum

Exolum is Europe's leading liquid bulk logistics company and one of the world's leading companies. Its core business is the transport and storage of a wide range of bulk liquids, especially refined products, chemicals and biofuels, in a sustainable and efficient manner. It also operates in new sectors, such as eco-fuels, the circular economy and the development of new energy vectors such as hydrogen, with the aim of making its corporate purpose a reality: to create innovative solutions to improve the world.

To this end, the company has created the Avikor platform, which offers individuals and companies the opportunity to fly sustainably by reducing their flight emissions using sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).