



SkyNRG announces new Sustainability Board

Amsterdam, July 12, 2017 – SkyNRG’s Sustainability Board now consists of representatives from WWF International, European Climate Foundation, University of Groningen and Solidaridad Network. With its broader international scope and added in-depth knowledge in the field of policy, agro-economics and supply-chain development, the expertise of the board is now in line with SkyNRG’s overall focus for the coming years.

The board advises SkyNRG on all aspects related to securing sustainability of aviation biofuels and the impacts this can have on the business, including feedstock, supply chains, policy and communications. More information about the members of the Sustainability Board, that participate on voluntary basis, can be found [here](#).

At WWF we support biofuel production that’s environmentally, socially, economically and climate sustainable because alternative fuels are one way for the aviation industry to reduce its carbon footprint in the foreseeable future. By advising SkyNRG according to RSB’s principles and criteria we can help to avoid negative impacts but above all help to realize positive socio-economic impact,” said Jenny Walter Thoss, Policy Officer Sustainable Biomass WWF International.

“Sustainable aviation fuels is an important growth market within the biobased economy and therefore automatically will have an impact on existing value chains, resource demand and technology development. Taking the social side of these potential impacts (both positive and negative) into account is key, and Solidaridad is committed to ensure that SkyNRG takes the right decisions in that respect,” said Gert van der Bijl, International Coordinator Livestock Programme.

“The shift to sustainable aviation fuels is a key part of the energy transition at large, and SkyNRG plays a main stage role in this. The position in their sustainability board gives me insights in this market development and the possibility to guide in strategic (sustainability) decisions,” said André Faaij, Distinguished Professor Energy System Analysis at University of Groningen.

“Given the urgent need to reduce aviation’s climate impact, SkyNRG has an important role to play in creating the sustainable jet fuels market of the future. I am looking forward to contribute to SkyNRG’s efforts to help deliver products that significantly and genuinely reduce aviation’s environmental footprint,” said Pete Harrison, Transport Director, European Climate Foundation.

“We’re very pleased and extremely proud with the new composition of our Sustainability Board. The quality of its members is a well-balanced composition, the more international focus and its broader scope make it a knowledgeable and credible advisory body. We trust it will help guide SkyNRG in the coming years of growth,” said Maarten van Dijk, CEO SkyNRG.

About WWF International

For more than half a century, WWF has been working to protect the world's species and natural places, pushing for a more sustainable world. By working with local communities, governments, businesses, and other NGOs we are defining new ways of working that will make a difference at a scale that matters to help redefine humanity's relationship with the planet. We have a presence in over 100 countries across the world, and our efforts have evolved from localised efforts in favour of a single species and individual habitats to an ambitious strategy to preserve biodiversity and achieve sustainable development across the planet.

About European Climate Foundation

The European Climate Foundation (ECF) – a ‘foundation of foundations’ – was established in early 2008 as a major philanthropic initiative to help Europe foster the development of a low-carbon society and play an even stronger international leadership role to mitigate climate change. For more information: <https://europeanclimate.org/mission/vision/>

About Solidaridad Network

Solidaridad is an international development organization with more than 45 years of global experience in facilitating the development of socially responsible, ecologically sound, and profitable supply chains. Solidaridad works across 12 commodity supply chains and operates through 9 Regional Expertise Centres on 5 continents. We bring together supply chain actors and engage them in innovative solutions to improve production, ensuring the transition to a sustainable and inclusive economy that maximizes the benefit for all. Solidaridad envisions a world in which everything we produce and consume can sustain us all, while respecting the planet, each other and future generations. www.solidaridadnetwork.org

About University of Groningen

The University of Groningen is a research university with a global outlook, deeply rooted in Groningen, City of Talent. Quality has had top priority for four hundred years, and with success: the University is in the top 100 on several influential ranking lists and steadily rising over the past years. We collaborate with a number of renowned, foreign universities, including Uppsala, Göttingen and Ghent. The University of Groningen is very popular with its 27,000 students and 5500 staff members from home and abroad. Talent is nurtured, enabling the University to bridge the gap between science and society. We are committed to actively collaborating with our social partners, with the three main strategic priorities of the university at large: Healthy Ageing, Energy (e.g. via the creation of the Energy Academy Europe and part of the New Energy Coalition – a large public private partnership) and Sustainable Society.

About SkyNRG

SkyNRG is the global market leader for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), having supplied over 25 airlines on all continents worldwide. SkyNRG sources, blends and distributes SAF, guarantees sustainability throughout the supply chain and helps to co-fund the premium. At the same time, SkyNRG focuses on developing regional supply chains that offer a real sustainable and affordable alternative to fossil fuels. SkyNRG has its operations RSB certified and is structurally advised by an independent Sustainability Board in which WWF International, European Climate Foundation, University of Groningen and Solidaridad Network hold a seat. www.skynrg.com