

VERSO ENERGY awarded twice by the 2024 Innovation Fund, for two Synthetic Sustainable Aviation Fuel (e-SAF) projects



Paris, November 6, 2025 – DEZiR and ReSTart, two industrial projects for the production of synthetic sustainable aviation fuels (e-SAF) developed by VERSO ENERGY, have been selected among the three e-SAF projects awarded by the European Commission under the Large-Scale Call of the Innovation Fund, the European Union's main support mechanism for net-zero technologies.

Located in France, the **DEZiR** (*Décarbonation en Eure et sur la Zone industrielle de Rouen*) and **ReSTart** (Renewable e-SAF Tartas, developed in partnership with Rayonier Advanced Materials) projects aim to become among the first large-scale European plants producing synthetic aviation fuels. They will help the aviation sector to meet the decarbonization targets set by the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation by 2030, in full alignment with the European Green Deal.

These two projects combine biogenic CO₂ capture, water electrolysis powered by renewable and low-carbon electricity, e-methanol synthesis, and its conversion into e-kerosene (e-SAF) using the Methanol-to-Jet (MtJ) process — all within a single integrated facility, whose design and scale follow a standardized, replicable approach to enable future deployment across Europe.

Together, they will contribute to strengthening Europe's energy sovereignty, industrial leadership, and the growth of the European sustainable aviation fuel industry.

“We are delighted and proud that two of our major industrial projects have been selected among the Innovation Fund laureates. This achievement reflects the outstanding commitment of our teams and the maturity of our projects, which will demonstrate that competitive e-SAF production in France is achievable as early as 2030. This recognition confirms the relevance of our integrated energy approach — from electrons to low-carbon molecules — and positions Verso Energy as a leading player in synthetic fuel production in Europe, serving the sustainable decarbonization of transport and Europe's energy sovereignty,” said Antoine Huard, CEO and Co-founder of Verso Energy.

About Verso Energy

As an integrated energy company and pioneer, Verso Energy is accelerating the decarbonization of hard-to-abate sectors such as industry, aviation, and maritime transport by producing next-generation low-carbon molecules. With 2 GW of renewable energy projects underway and flagship initiatives like CarlHYNg — Europe's first green steel project — Verso Energy is driving breakthrough innovation. The company is also spearheading the development of eight e-fuel production plants across France, Finland, and the United States, reinforcing its position as one of Europe's leading forces in synthetic fuels. By combining scale, technology, and vision, Verso Energy is committed to powering a carbon-free future

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