

MAIRE, SAMRUK-KAZYNA AND ACIK JOIN FORCES TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL DEVELOPMENT IN KAZAKHSTAN LEVERAGING ON NEXTCHEM'S TECHNOLOGIES AND THE GROUP'S EXECUTION CAPABILITIES

- **MoU signed to explore the development of a Sustainable Aviation Fuel production platform based on HEFA feedstocks in Kazakhstan**
- **The cooperation will focus on infrastructure options, stakeholder engagement and the definition of a suitable investment framework**
- **Nextchem will leverage its expertise to identify and advance key technology pathways, while also assessing technical, commercial and financial feasibility**
- **The initiative supports Kazakhstan's role as a potential regional SAF hub and strengthens the industrial and technological partnership between Italy, Europe and Kazakhstan**

Milan, 24 June 2026 – **MAIRE** (MAIRE.MI)) announces that has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Sovereign Wealth Fund of Kazakhstan Samruk-Kazyna** and the **Italo-Kazakh Trade Association (ACIK)** to cooperate on the development of a **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)** platform in the **Republic of Kazakhstan**, leveraging on **Nextchem's** technology portfolio and expertise as well as on the group's execution capabilities.

The initiative will assess the overall feasibility of SAF production based on HEFA (Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids) feedstocks available in Kazakhstan, supporting the country's ambition to strengthen its role as a regional hub for sustainable aviation fuel. Under the MoU, the parties will collaborate on evaluating infrastructure options, stakeholder engagement and the definition of a suitable investment framework, potentially within the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC). Nextchem will leverage its expertise to identify and advance key technology pathways, while also assessing technical, commercial and financial feasibility.

Alessandro Bernini, CEO of MAIRE, commented: "This Memorandum of Understanding represents a meaningful step in advancing sustainable aviation fuel production in Kazakhstan. The country's strategic position at the intersection of key Europe-Asia routes creates favorable conditions for the development of SAF supply chains, and thus a compelling opportunity to combine industrial development with long-term market potential. MAIRE, through Nextchem, will bring its technological expertise to support the definition of efficient solutions, contributing to the country's ambition to strengthen its role as a regional SAF hub."



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