

Future of Clean Energy: Decarbonised Fuels Driving USD 24.2 Billion Market

Decarbonised fuels turn abundant renewable power into storable, transportable molecules—critical for decarbonising aviation, shipping and heavy industry.

WILMINGTON, DE, UNITED STATES, September 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- According to a new report published by Allied Market Research, titled, "Decarbonised Fuel Market by Type (Organic-Based, Green Hydrogen and Derivatives, Others), by Form (Liquid, Gaseous), by End-Use (Transportation, Power Generation, Others): Global



Opportunity Analysis and Industry Forecast, 2022 - 2032" The global decarbonised fuel market size was valued at \$8.4 billion in 2022, and is projected to reach \$24.2 billion by 2032, growing at a CAGR of 11.2% from 2023 to 2032.

The decarbonised fuel market includes low- and zero-carbon alternatives to conventional fossil fuels — such as green hydrogen, e-fuels (power-to-liquid), biofuels produced with sustainable feedstocks, and renewable-derived methane — developed to meet transport, industry and power needs while cutting lifecycle greenhouse-gas emissions. Driven by tightening climate policy, corporate net-zero commitments and falling costs for renewable electricity and electrolysis, the market is rapidly moving from pilot projects into early commercial scale, targeting hard-to-electrify sectors (aviation, shipping, heavy industry) where direct electrification is difficult.

Policy and regulation are primary growth levers: carbon pricing, blending mandates, fuel standards (like SAF quotas for aviation) and supportive subsidies or contracts-for-difference reduce revenue risk and accelerate investment in production capacity. Clear, stable policy

frameworks are especially critical because many production routes today remain cost-intensive versus fossil alternatives.

Technology learning curves are rapidly reshaping competitiveness - declines in electrolyser and renewable electricity costs lower green hydrogen and e-fuel production costs, while advances in feedstock-efficient biofuel pathways and carbon capture for e-fuel synthesis improve lifecycle emissions and resource intensity. Continued R&D and scale-up are essential to close the gap to conventional fuels.

Feedstock and energy availability create both opportunities and constraints. Large volumes of low-cost renewable power and access to sustainable biomass or captured CO^{II} are required for many decarbonised fuel pathways, creating geographic winners and supply chain interdependencies. Competition for biomass with other uses and sustainability criteria also affect project feasibility.

Demand formation depends on sectoral adoption and downstream infrastructure. Long-term offtake agreements from airlines, shipping lines, and industrial users, plus investments in blending and storage infrastructure, are necessary to create predictable market pull. Cross-sector links (e.g., using the same hydrogen for industry and mobility) can improve utilization but require coordination.

Investment and financing dynamics remain pivotal: early projects rely on public-private partnerships, concessional finance, and corporate procurement commitments to derisk capital-intensive plants. As reference projects prove technology and offtake, commercial debt and equity flows will expand, but investor confidence hinges on credible policy signals and transparent sustainability accounting.

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The <u>decarbonised fuel market overview</u> segments by fuel type (green hydrogen, blue hydrogen, sustainable biofuels, e-fuels/SAF, renewable methane), by end-use (aviation, shipping, heavy road freight, industrial heat, power balancing), and by production pathway (electrolysis-based, biological conversion, thermochemical conversion, and power-to-liquid synthesis). Each segment exhibits distinct cost curves, infrastructure needs, and sustainability constraints, which shape adoption timelines and investment priorities.

Europe leads policy and early demand formation — with ambitious SAF targets, hydrogen strategies and strong industrial decarbonisation frameworks — attracting electrolyser and e-fuel projects, though feedstock and renewable power competition remain local constraints. Policy coherence across the EU and cross-border supply corridors (North Africa/Scandinavia to Europe) could further scale supply and lower costs.

Asia Pacific and North America show divergent but complementary dynamics: APAC combines large industrial demand pockets and excellent renewable resources (solar/wind) suitable for export hubs, while North America benefits from large domestic markets, access to COI sources for e-fuel synthesis, and growing private procurement. Emerging markets with abundant biomass may become important regional suppliers if sustainability and land-use concerns are robustly managed.

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The competitive landscape spans incumbents (oil & gas majors diversifying into low-carbon fuels), specialist clean-tech producers (electrolyser manufacturers, e-fuel startups), and integrated energy players (utilities pairing renewables with fuel synthesis). Partnerships between technology providers, offtakers and financiers are common — early movers secure strategic supply contracts and development rights, creating first-mover advantages in a market where scale matters.

Key players in the decarbonised fuel industry include L'Air Liquide S.A., Plug Power Inc., Shell plc, Neste oyj, Total Energies SE, Iberdrola S.A., Siemens Energy, BP plc., Linde plc, and ExxonMobil Corporation. These players have adopted investment strategies in research and development to commercialize decarbonised fuels in the market.

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- Policy clarity and long-term offtake contracts are the single biggest accelerants for project deployment.
- Green hydrogen and e-fuels will initially target hard-to-abate sectors (aviation, shipping, heavy industry) before broader diffusion.
- Geographic supply hubs will emerge where abundant renewables and CO^{II}/biomass feedstocks converge, creating export opportunities.
- Cost reductions in electrolysers and renewable power are the dominant drivers of commercial competitiveness over the next decade.
- Robust sustainability certification (land use, lifecycle emissions, feedstock sourcing) is essential to avoid reputational and regulatory risks.

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