



FIRST ACH130 FLYING WITH SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL IN SCANDINAVIA

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Helsinki Citycopter is committed to offering its Scandinavian customers exclusive flights in ACH130s while taking the first steps in reducing greenhouse gas emissions with Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel. The first two ACH130s acquired by Helsinki Citycopter have just landed in Finland and is a cause for celebration for many reasons. Above all, it is the company's fulfilment of the viability of its commitment to combine exclusive private flights with its environmental responsibility.

"We are a young company, established in 2020, and our commitment to sustainability for future generations is part of our DNA," explains Joonas Nurmi, CCO, and Co-Founder of Helsinki Citycopter. "That's why we will start using Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel in our new ACH130s as the first helicopter company to do so in Northern Europe".

Helsinki Citycopter will start replacing fossil aviation fuel with sustainable aviation fuel at Helsinki-Vantaa airport. In the first phase, the helicopter company will undertake to replace 10% of its annual refuelling with an approximate mixture of 38% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and 62% fossil aviation fuel.



SAF from 100% renewable waste and residue raw materials

Indeed, every Airbus helicopter is certified to fly with up to a 50% blend of SAF in the fuel, which allows operators to substantially reduce CO2 emissions while maintaining flight performance completely identical to that of traditional kerosene. While SAF is currently more expensive and harder to source than kerosene, the supply of this biofuel is expected to grow as demand increases, and with it supply chains becoming more efficient.

"Neste has been delivering Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport starting from April 2021," explains Tuomas Kulola, Head of B2B Sales, Marketing & Services at Neste. "Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel is produced from a mix of renewable and sustainable waste and residue raw materials, such as used cooking oil and animal fat waste."



Trailblazers in the sustainable development of Scandinavian aviation

"Our new helicopters provide a memorable travel experience for business and private customers alike. Independent of airports, helicopters also supplement blind spots in the Finnish aviation network, as flights to certain regions have been reduced and several airports have been closed down," says Captain Ari Kallinen, one of the founding members of Helsinki Citycopter. The young company's philosophy is that it can offer more sustainable flights, as its first commitment to SAF is currently the most effective way to reduce CO2 emissions in commercial aviation.

"The ACH130 is not only efficient, safe and stable, but in terms of the distance and number of passengers, it consumes less fuel than an average-sized motorboat," adds Nurmi. "This investment is indeed in line with our sustainability strategy aimed at carbon neutrality. We are the only aviation company whose service has been granted the Sustainable Travel Finland label, and these two new helicopters aim to reduce flight emissions even further."

The choice of the ACH130 also represents a commitment to reducing the sound level footprint and noise pollution of its flights. In fact, the ACH130 flies with a noise signature 6dB below ICAO limits, which means it is quieter than the most restrictive limits defined by the Grand Canyon National Park in the United States – a recognised benchmark for eco-friendly tourism operations.



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