



WELCOME

FuelEU Maritime: What does compliance really cost?

The cost behind fuel choices

We'll be starting shortly

Agenda

- 10 min** ● **Opening Remarks**
Hans Kulenkampff, CEO – Hinicio
Stanislavs Sabitovs, Founder & Managing Director – CovalentIQ
- 10 min** ● **Context: Enablers for Low-Carbon Shipping / FuelEU Maritime**
Flavien Lescanne, Policy & Regulation Vertical Leader – Hinicio
- 10 min** ● **Showcasing the LCOF and the FuelEU Planner Tools**
Stanislavs Sabitovs, Founder & Managing Director – CovalentIQ
Pilar Henríquez, Manager & Transport Leader – Hinicio
- 15 min** ● **Case 1: Transatlantic Liner Route, from Bunker Choice to Fuel EUMaritime Compliance Value**
Stanislavs Sabitovs, Founder & Managing Director – CovalentIQ
- 15 min** ● **Case 2: Bunkering the Regulated Routes to Capture FuelEU Maritime Value**
Pilar Henríquez, Manager & Transport Leader – Hinicio
- 5 min** ● **Closing**



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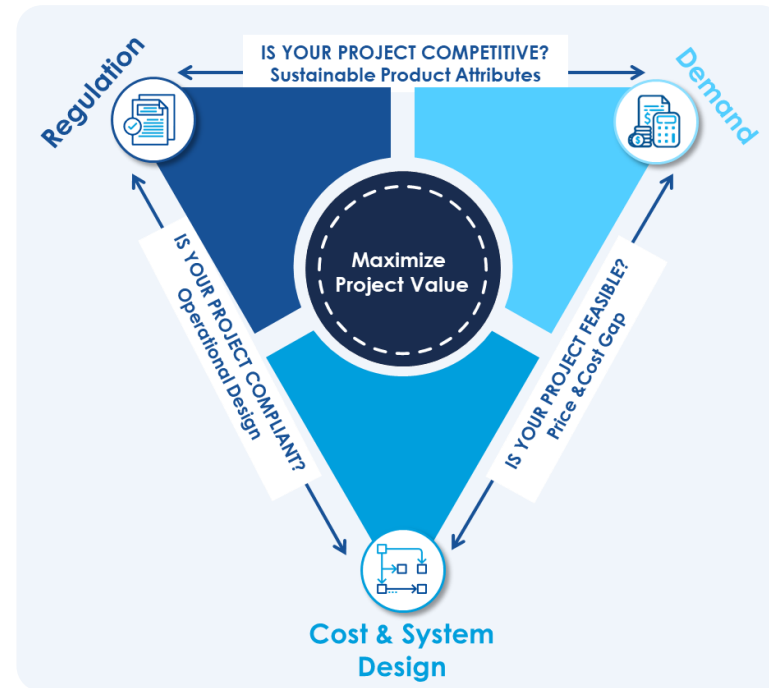
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Our purpose: decarbonizing the hardest to abate sectors, now!

Unified by purpose,
driven by expertise

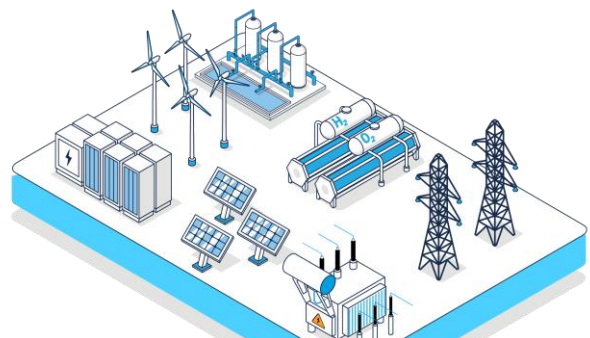
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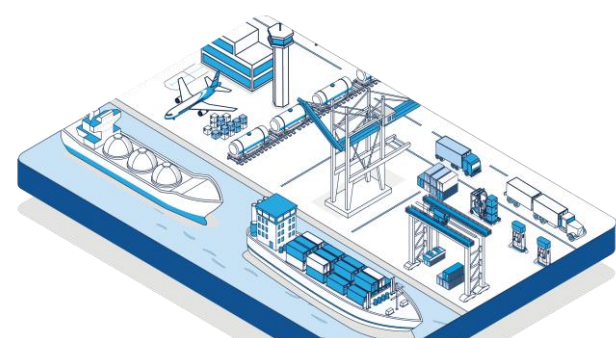
Consulting firm specialized in the **decarbonization challenges of hard-to-abate sectors** with ~20 years experience in hydrogen and its derivatives.

We help you with the following type of questions:

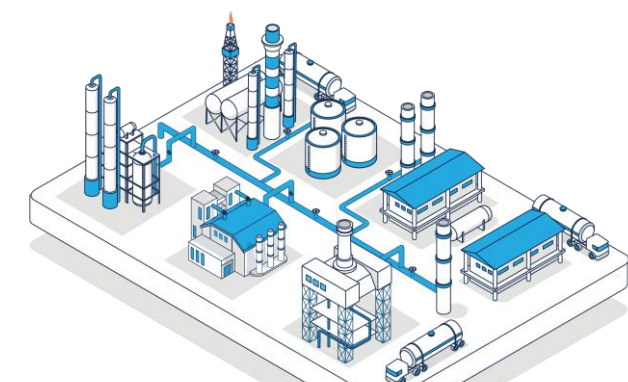
- ▶ How could **upcoming regulations (FuelEU, ETS, IMO)** impact your **shipping operations and fuel choices**?
- ▶ Are your fuel choices fully aligned with the latest **compliance requirements**?
- ▶ What is the true **willingness to pay to avoid compliance costs**?
- ▶ What are the best **addressable** (regulated or voluntary) **markets** for your alternative fuels?
- ▶ How can **fuel producers optimize plant design** and scale based on anchor demand from shipping corridors?
- ▶ Can your plant produce **different products** from the same molecule to access multiple **premium markets**?



Integrated Energy Systems



Transport & Mobility



Process Industries



Strategic insight for the **chemicals value chain**

We help the **chemicals value chain** answer their most critical questions

FEEDSTOCK & CARBON PATHWAYS



Primary feedstocks



Base commodities



Specialty products



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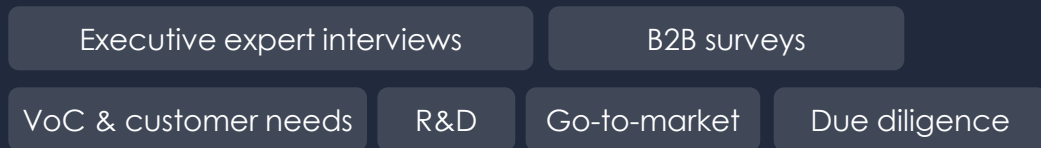


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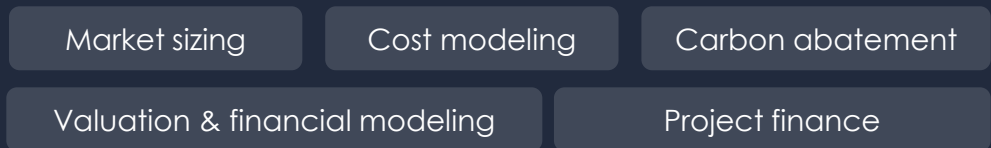


EXTERNAL FORCES ONTO THE VALUE CHAIN

Primary Research



Analytics & Modeling





Context:
**Enablers for low-carbon
shipping / FuelEU Maritime**

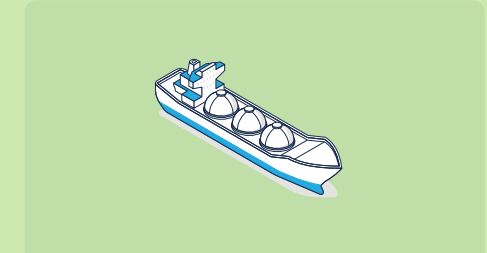
Maritime energy transition is becoming a compliance-cost problem, with Europe providing the regulatory signal to unlock low-carbon and RFNBO-based fuels

Key features	Drivers for low-carbon fuels in shipping	Directly impacted parties
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FuelEU Maritime

Obligation set on ship owners operating from/to/within the EU to cut by 80% their emissions in 2050

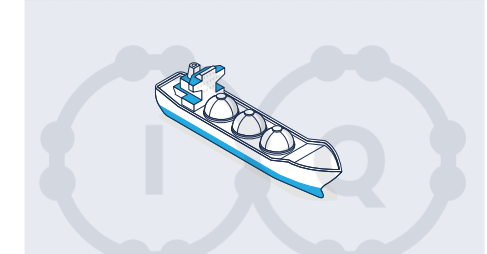
- Strong incentives for GHG abating fuels, and boosts the competitiveness of RFNBO until 2034 via a 2x multiplier on its abatement potential
- Only EU regulatory framework enabling value for RFNBO & LCF in the country of production without mandatory delivery to the EU



EU – Emissions Trading System (ETS)

Cap and Trade of emission allowances initially designed for the industrial sector recently expanded to shipping operations in the EU

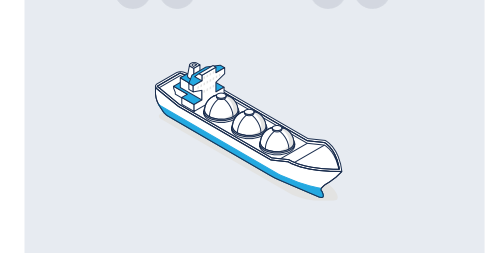
Specific treatment for RFNBO and low-carbon fuels allowing for 0 ETS emissions and limiting costs of shipping



IMO Net Zero Framework
Still not in force

Global framework that will unlock low carbon Alternative Fuels following same basic principles as FuelEU Maritime

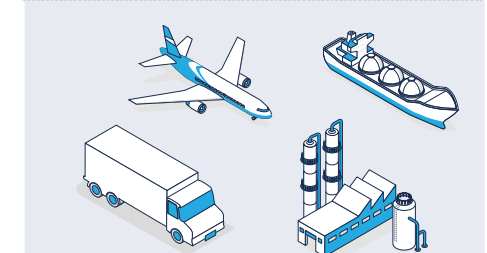
Strong signal for low-carbon emissions fuel applied to a much wider market



Renewable Energy Directive (RED) – Transport & Industry

Binding targets Renewable Energy share in the EU economy along with specific RFNBO targets in transport and industry requiring -70% GHG emissions compared to fossil on well to grave i.e. including shipping

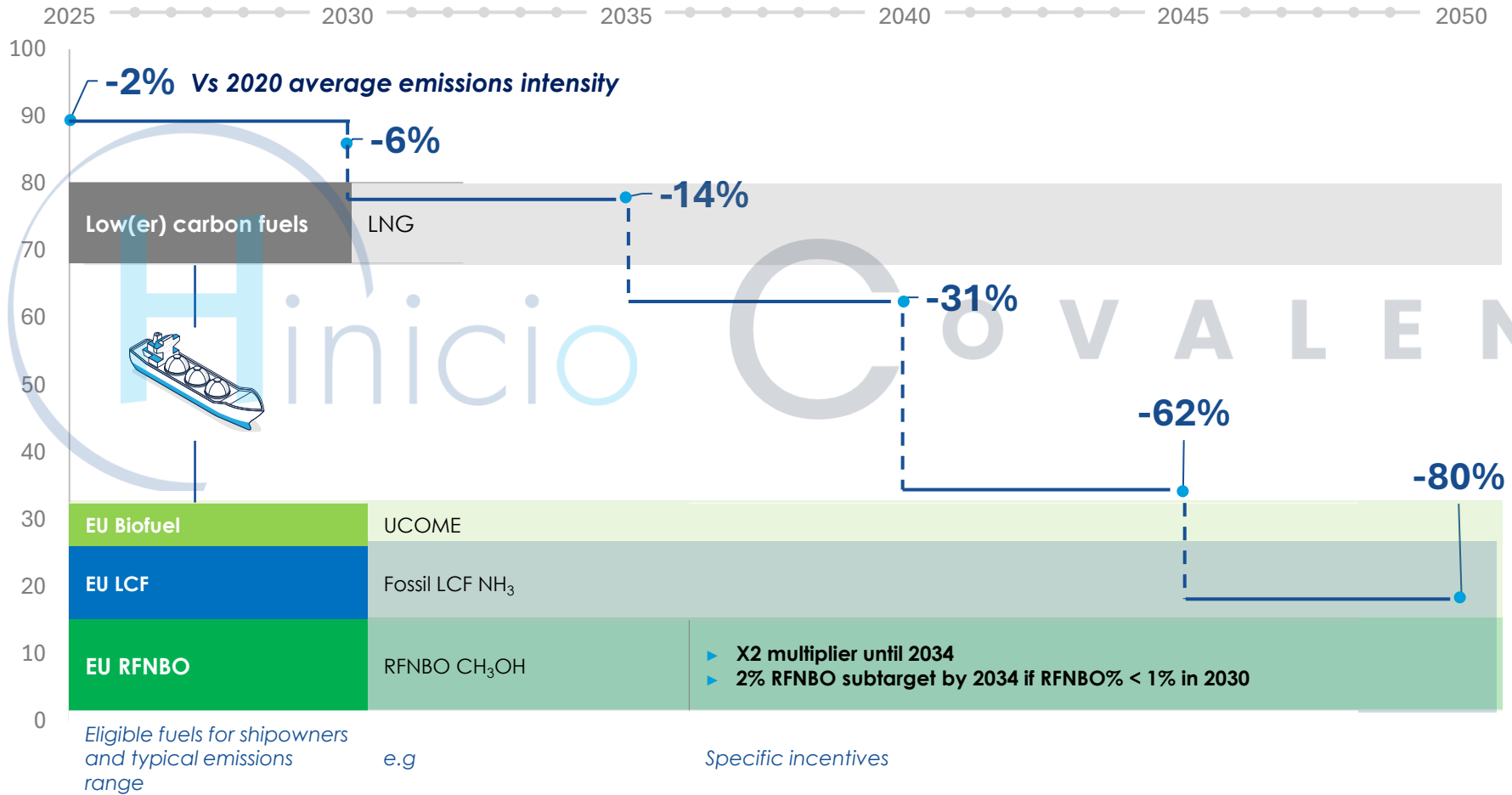
Shipping form integral part of RFNBO GHG emissions, represent one of the bigger contributors for imported molecules and directly impacts molecules market value -> **Less shipping emissions through renewable & low-carbon fuels/ More RFNBO molecule value**



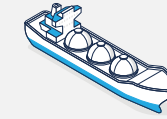
FuelEU Maritime obliges shipowners operating within/from/towards the EU to cut by 80% the emissions intensity of their onboard energy use

Well-to-Wake (WtW) FuelEU Maritime reduction target for emissions intensity of energy used on board

(in gCO₂e/MJ)



Vessels targeted:



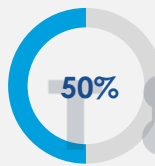
Shipowners

- All ships above 5,000 gross tonnage (excluding military, fishing and governmental ships)

Scope:



- Energy used on-board for **intra-EU shipping and at berth**



- Energy used on-board for **shipping from/to an EU port**

Penalty:

2400
EUR/t_{VLSFO}

- If GHG intensity is higher than the threshold.
- Direct compliance cost

Surplus:

Market

- Can be sold to other operators or banked for future use



All together, FuelEU Maritime provides incentives for low-carbon shipping fuel business cases.

FuelEU Maritime opens flexibility for shipowners to cope with their obligation leading to further compliance optimization options

Insights

TYPICAL FUELEU MARITIME COMPLIANCE TIMELINE



Shipowners with excess credit may decide to bank credits to be used later



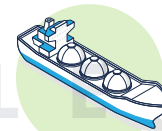
Shipowners can sell excess credit / buy missing credit on the market



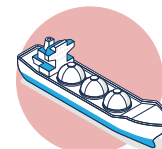
Shipowners borrow credits that come with a 10% interest rate



Shipowners can decide to pool vessels to create compliant pools



Compliant shipowners are freed from their obligation for year N



Non-compliant shipowners pay penalty for year N and face an extra 10% penalty for year N+1

- ▶ FuelEU Maritime provides flexibility mechanism that allow shipowners to resolve their potential non-compliance issues before having to pay the penalty.
- ▶ This opens further optimization dimensions for shipowners to develop the best compliance strategy and entails potential partnerships with other companies.
- ▶ As a last resort option, non-compliant shipowners must pay their penalty and increase next non-compliant years potential penalties.

Source: Hinicio based on FuelEU Maritime regulation

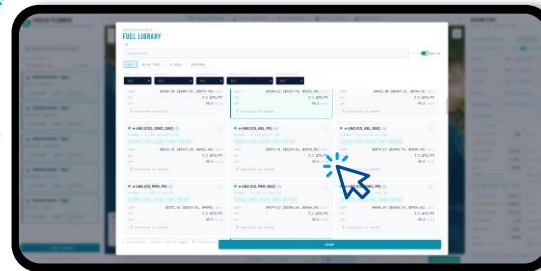
Shipowners face many challenges and compliance options driving the needs for practical solutions taking into account operational constraints

1 Perimeter of the obligation



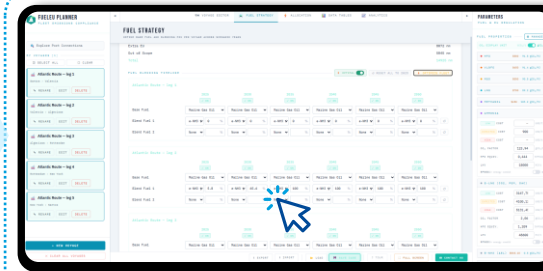
- What voyages shall be covered?
- How does that translate into overall covered energy consumption?
- What is then the overall emissions reduction that must be reached over time?

2 Compliance options



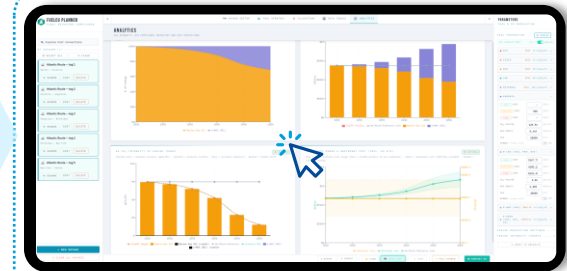
- What eligible fuels?
- What associated benefits?
- What resulting quantities are needed taking into account specific incentives and multipliers?

3 Practical feasibility



- What availability for these fuels on said routes?
- What availability for required port & bunkering infrastructure?
- What specific compliance requirements for these fuels?

4 Economic optimization & solving



- What costs for these fuels?
- What are buying risks & opportunities (long term vs spot, ...)
- What are potential costs and revenues linked to buying/selling credits or borrowing ones?
- What opportunities for pooling?

Need for practical route-based decision support tools

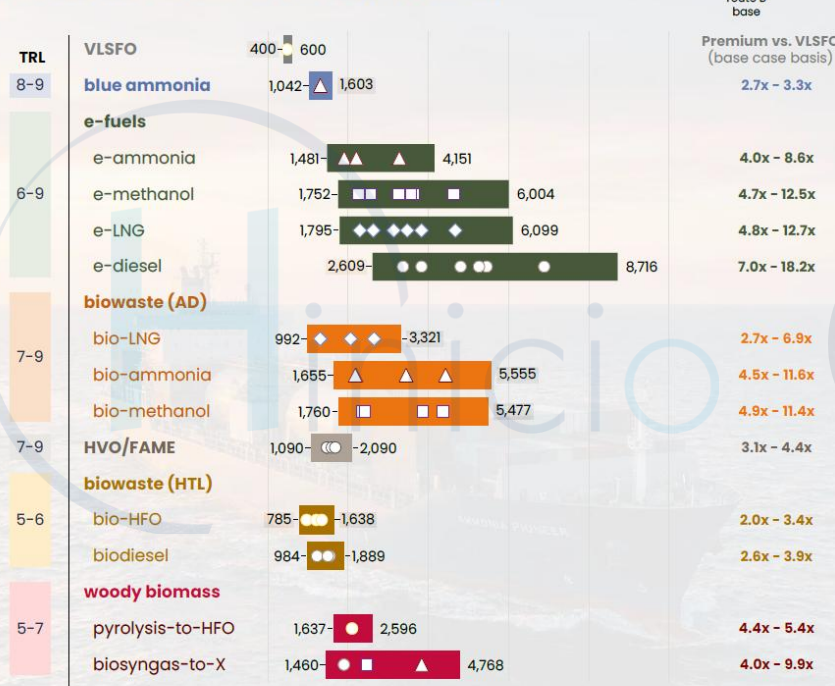


Showcasing the LCOF and the FuelEU Planner tools

The CovalentIQ LCOF Model open Excel-based model that calculates levelized cost and carbon abatement of marine fuels for 70 different alternative fuel pathways

LCOF Model V2.0: How big is the gap to 'green parity' in marine shipping fuels in 2026?

2026 levelized cost of fuels (\$/mtVLSFOe)

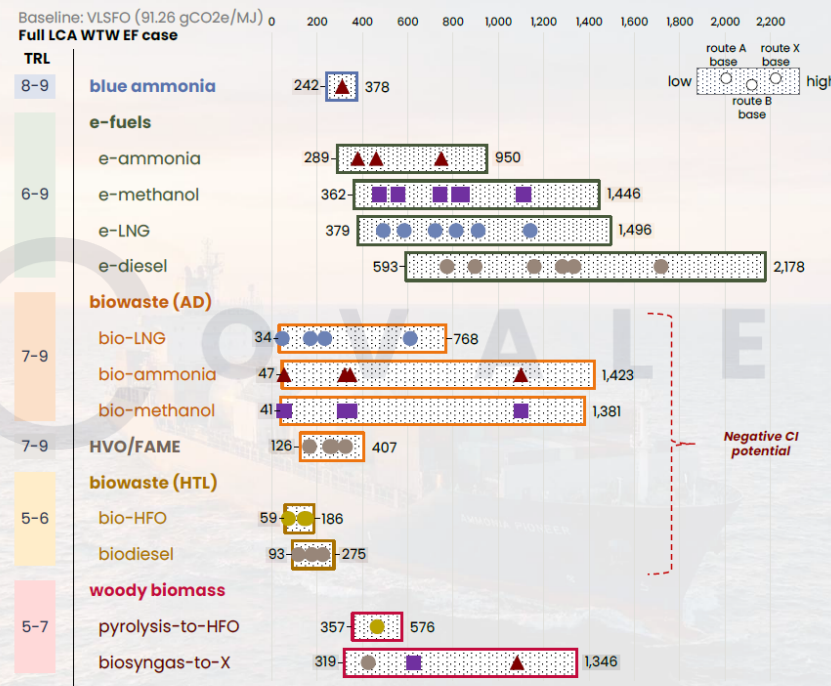


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 For more information, refer to the original LCOF model Excel file. See appendix for all abbreviations.
 Source: CovalentIQ LCOF Model V2.0

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LCOF Model V2.0: The cost to decarbonize marine fuels – at full LCA WTW CI scores

2026 levelized cost of carbon abatement (\$/mtCO2e)



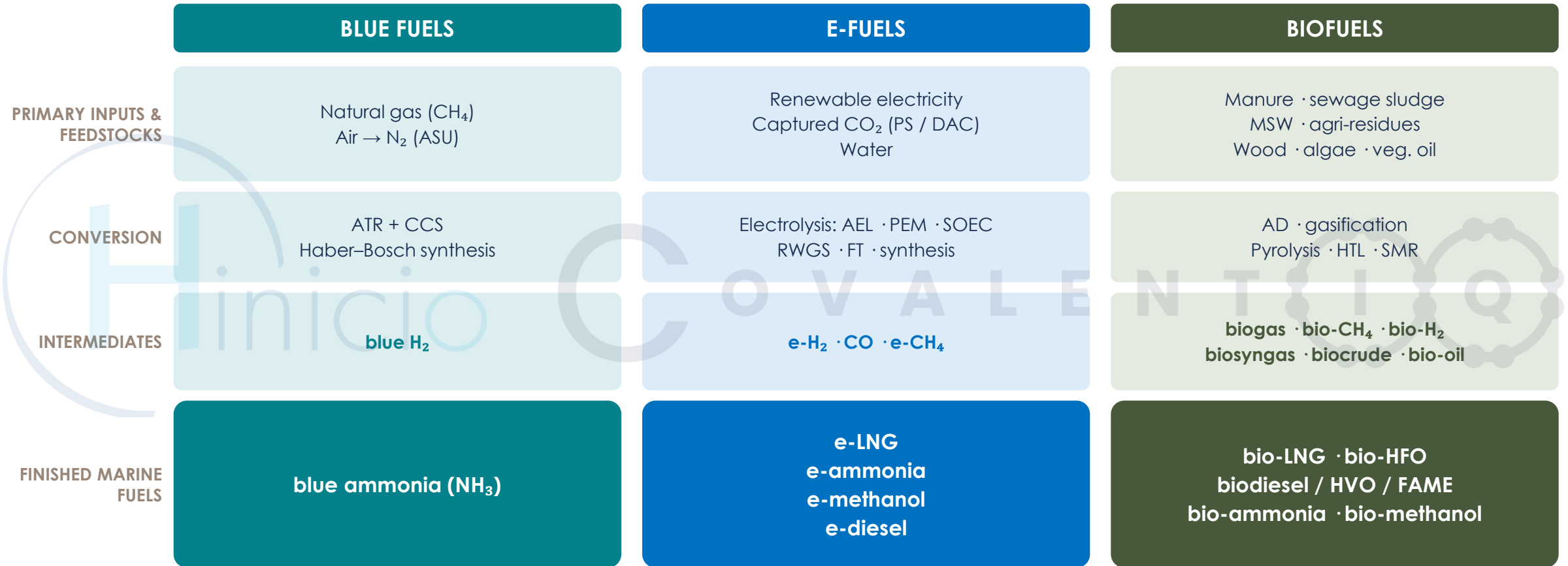
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- ▶ Calculates the **levelized cost of fuel (LCOF)** for ~70 alternative marine fuel pathways — e-fuels, blue fuels and biofuels
- ▶ Builds each fuel **bottom-up across the full value chain**: feedstock → intermediate → finished fuel (e.g. electrolytic H2 + captured CO2 → e-methanol)
- ▶ Quantifies **well-to-wake CO2e emissions** and **carbon intensity** for every pathway
- ▶ Translates emissions into **carbon abatement cost** (\$/mtCO2e)
- ▶ Captures **CAPEX (annualized via WACC/CRF), OPEX, electricity, feedstock, and other costs**, benchmarked vs. fossil VLSFO, MGO, HFO and LNG
- ▶ Runs **Low / Base / High scenarios for the key cost & operating parameter inputs**

Every pathway is modelled bottom-up: from primary input to finished marine fuel

CovalentIQ Levelized Cost of Fuels Model V2.0 – Pathway taxonomy



70+ pathways, each costed (LCOF) and carbon-scored (WTW / TTW CO₂e). Source: CovalentIQ 2026 LCOF Model

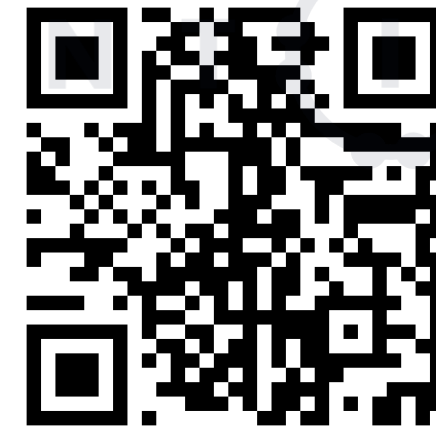
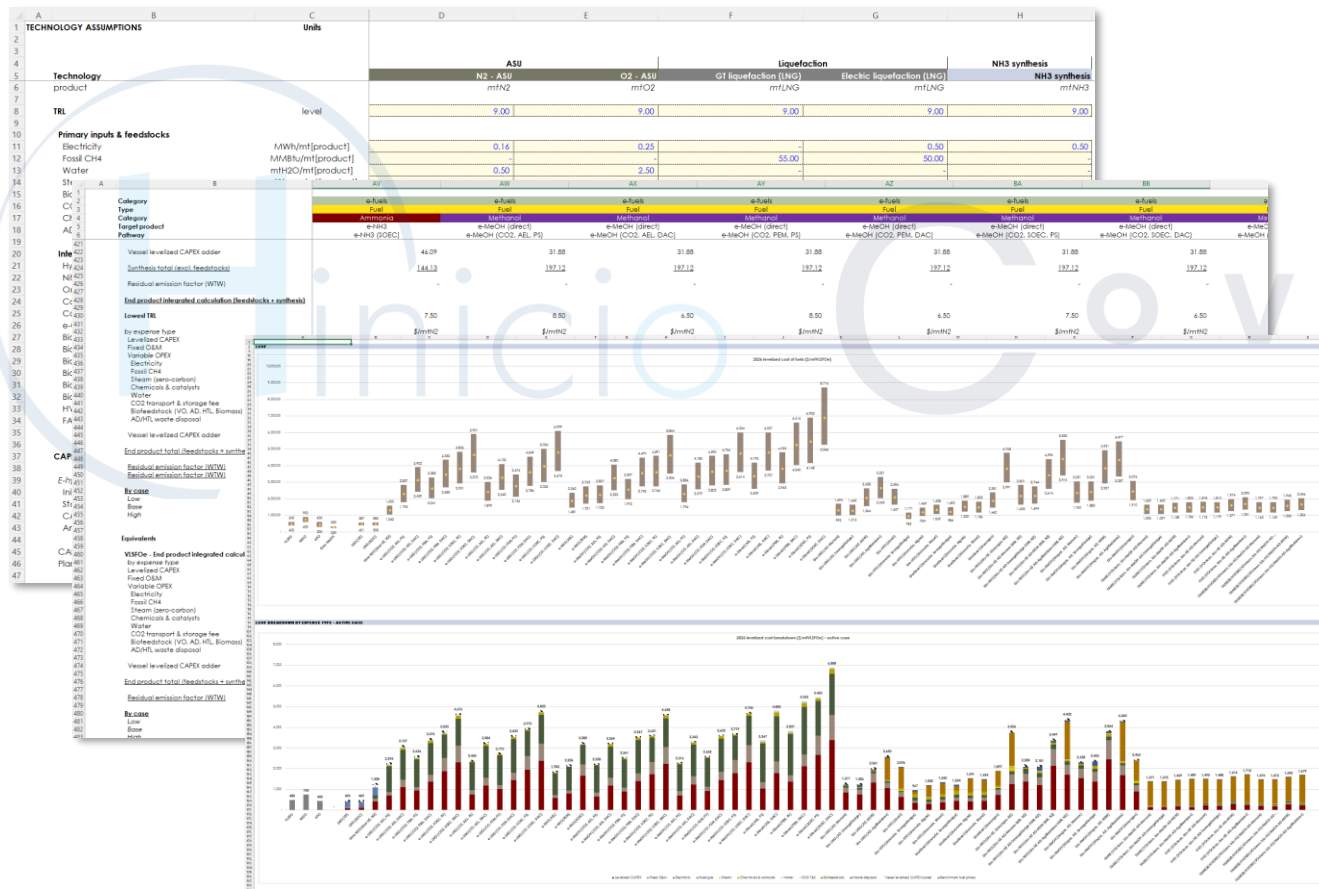
The modular structure of the LCOF model allows for combining various feedstocks and processes, as technically feasible, resulting in >70 potential marine fuel pathways

A fully open Excel-based model file for your use

Participants of this webinar can access the model along with the report via following link:

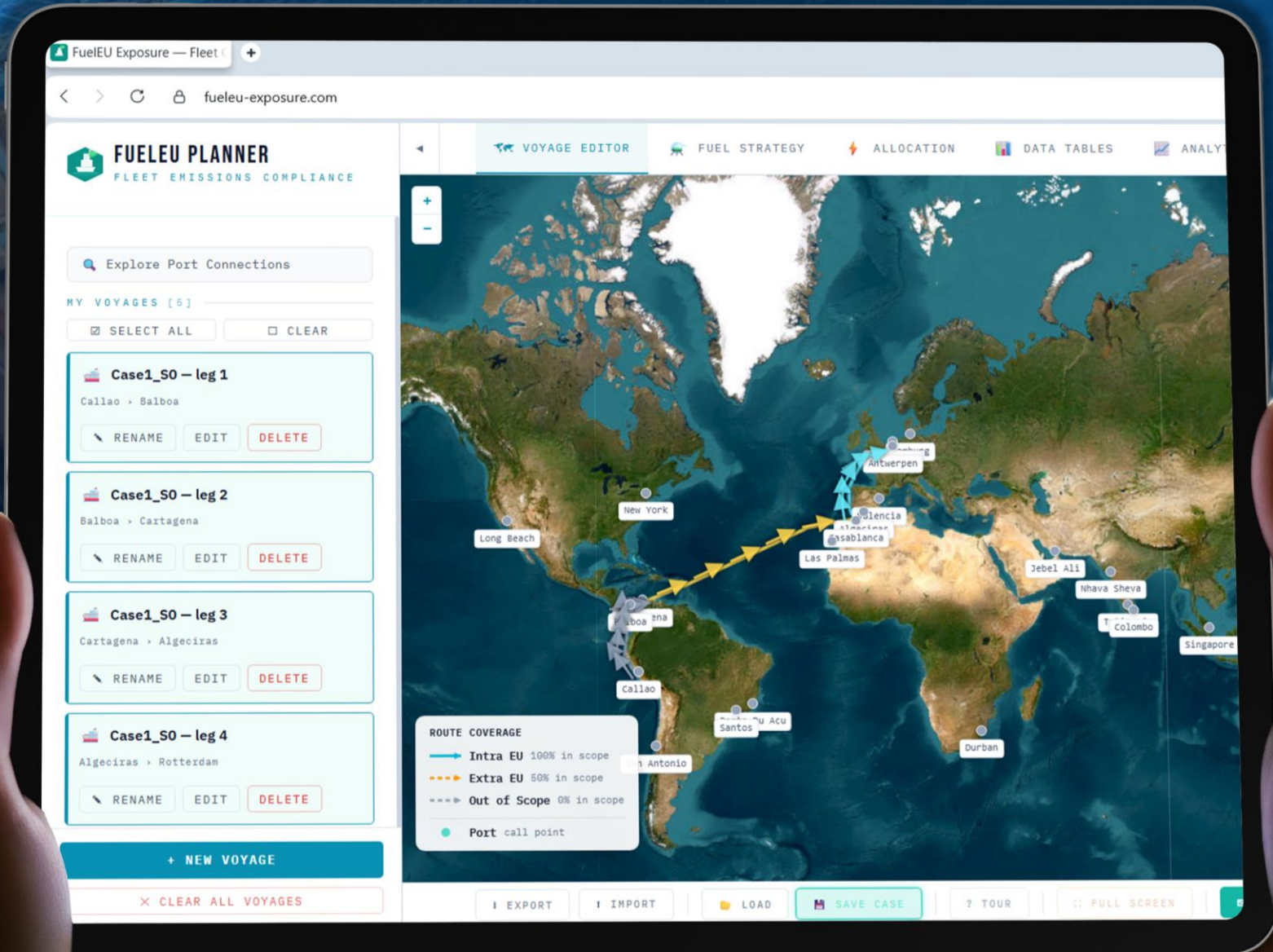
- ▶ Download the model and the LinkedIn publication

<https://covalent-iq.com/fueleu-maritime/>





Case 1:
Transatlantic liner route, from
bunker choice to FuelEU
Maritime compliance value



FUELEU PLANNER

FLEET EMISSIONS COMPLIANCE

Explore Port Connections

MY VOYAGES [5]
SELECT ALL CLEAR

Case1_S0 — leg 1
Callao > Balboa
RENAME EDIT DELETE

Case1_S0 — leg 2
Balboa > Cartagena
RENAME EDIT DELETE

Case1_S0 — leg 3
Cartagena > Algeciras
RENAME EDIT DELETE

Case1_S0 — leg 4
Algeciras > Rotterdam
RENAME EDIT DELETE

+ NEW VOYAGE

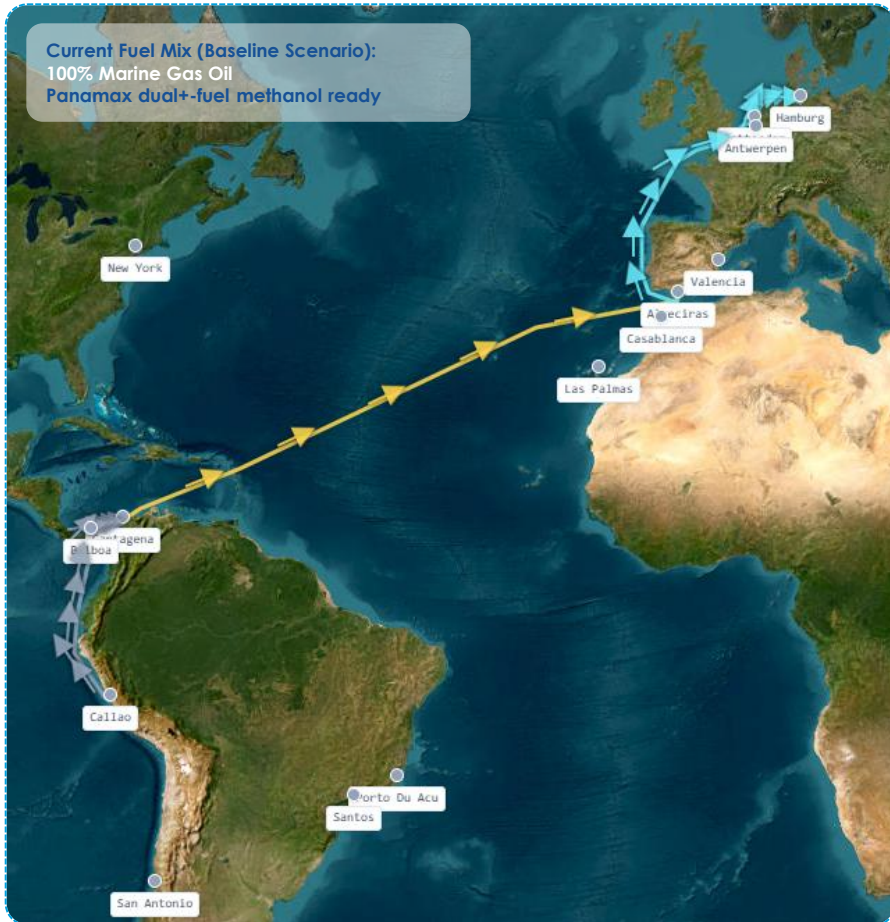
X CLEAR ALL VOYAGES



ROUTE COVERAGE

- Intra EU 100% in scope
- - - Extra EU 50% in scope
- · · Out of Scope 0% in scope
- Port call point

Case 1: What is the minimum clean fuel procurement strategy required to comply with FuelEU Maritime at the lowest possible cost



Transatlantic route from Callao (Peru) to Hamburg (Germany), including intermediate calls in Panama, Colombia, Spain and Rotterdam

For global shipping operators, regulatory exposure is driven by European port calls rather than by the entire voyage footprint



FuelEU Maritime applies only to voyages involving European ports, making route configuration a key determinant of compliance exposure



To illustrate the implications of the regulation, an existing South America–Europe shipping route has been assessed. While the route originates in Peru and includes multiple intermediate port calls, only voyages to and between European ports are considered under the FuelEU Maritime emissions accounting framework.

The assessed route comprises the following voyages:



- Voyage 1: Callao – Balboa → Outside compliance scope
- Voyage 2: Balboa – Cartagena → Outside compliance scope
- Voyage 3: Cartagena – Algeciras → **Partial (50%) compliance scope**
- Voyage 4: Algeciras – Rotterdam → **Full compliance scope**
- Voyage 5: Rotterdam – Hamburg → **Full compliance scope**

Illustrative Assumptions:



- Stakeholder perspective: **Shipping Fleet Operator**
- Vessel type: **Panamax Container Vessel** (~5,000 TEU)
- Trade route: **Peru-Europe**
- Annual frequency: **35 trips per year**
- Fuel configuration: **dual-fuel (MGO + methanol-ready)**

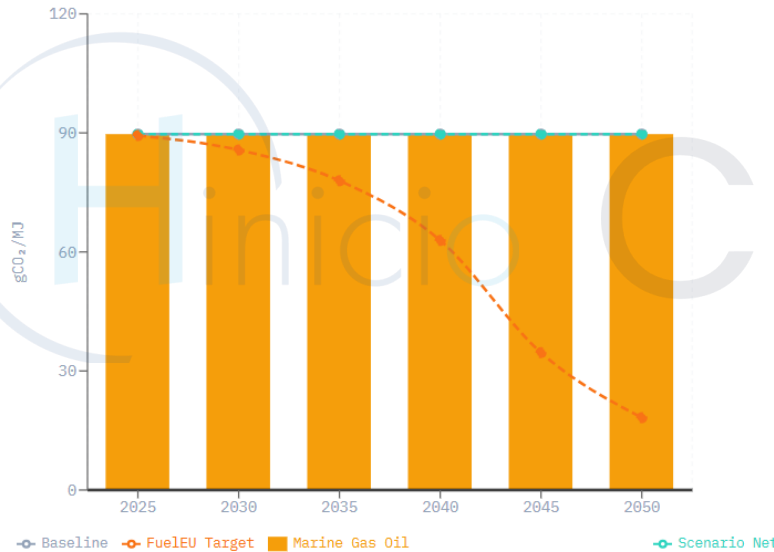
Scenario 0: Continuing the status quo of burning fossil MGO is a costly option, especially from 2035 onwards

Insights

EU CO₂ INTENSITY VS FUELEU TARGET

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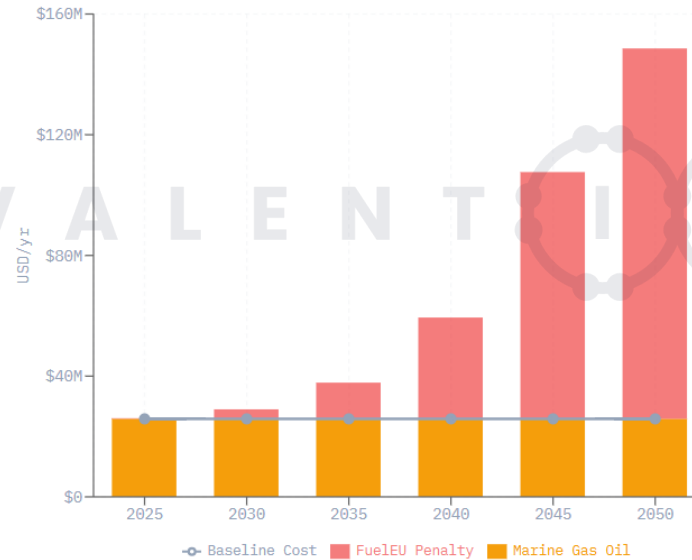
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ANNUAL FUEL COST - SCENARIO VS BASELINE

PROPORTIONAL

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- ▶ **Non-compliance starts immediately in 2025:** the MGO baseline holds at ~90 gCO₂/MJ, already above the FuelEU limit, triggering a first penalty of ~USD 1M.
- ▶ **Penalty exposure escalates sharply as the target tightens:** the annual FuelEU penalty rises from ~USD 3M in 2030 to ~USD 122M in 2050 as the required GHG-intensity falls from ~89 to ~18 gCO₂/MJ and the compliance gap widens every period.
- ▶ **By 2040 the penalty overtakes the fuel bill;** total annual cost reaches ~USD 148M by 2050 versus a broadly constant fossil fuel cost of ~USD 26M/year.
- ▶ Doing nothing turns FuelEU into a structural, escalating cost rather than a one-off charge, making the case for blending renewable fuels (Scenarios 1–2) to cap penalty exposure.

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Search fuels... CO₂/t gCO₂/MJ

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FUEL TYPE PRODUCT ELECTROLYSIS CARBON SOURCE BIOFEEDSTOCK
All All All All All

E-fuel **LAG** **e-LNG** **SOEC** **CO2 DAC**

COST \$5688.33 [\$4335.38, \$7194.94] USD/t
CO₂ 2.1 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 48.6 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

E-fuel **Ammonia** **e-NH3** **AEL**

COST \$868.18 [\$675.66, \$1077.84] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 18.8 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

E-fuel **Ammonia** **e-NH3** **PEM**

COST \$1006.73 [\$776.08, \$1260.75] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 18.8 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-NH3 (SOEC)

E-FUEL - E_NH3_SOEC

E-fuel **Ammonia** **e-NH3** **SOEC**

COST \$1496.64 [\$1139.39, \$1894.21] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 18.8 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-MeOH (CO2, AEL, PS)

E-FUEL - E_MEOH_CO2_AEL_PS

E-fuel **Methanol** **e-MeOH (direct)** **AEL** **CO2 PS**

COST \$1090.61 [\$846.38, \$1355.7] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-MeOH (CO2, AEL, DAC)

E-FUEL - E_MEOH_CO2_AEL_DAC

E-fuel **Methanol** **e-MeOH (direct)** **AEL** **CO2 DAC**

COST \$1576.73 [\$1218.33, \$1970.57] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-MeOH (CO2, PEM, PS)

E-FUEL - E_MEOH_CO2_PEM_PS

E-fuel **Methanol** **e-MeOH (direct)** **PEM** **CO2 PS**

COST \$1236.86 [\$952.39, \$1648.77] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-MeOH (CO2, PEM, DAC)

E-FUEL - E_MEOH_CO2_PEM_DAC

E-fuel **Methanol** **e-MeOH (direct)** **PEM** **CO2 DAC**

COST \$1722.98 [\$1324.33, \$2163.64] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

e-MeOH (CO2, SOEC, PS)

E-FUEL - E_MEOH_CO2_SOEC_PS

E-fuel **Methanol** **e-MeOH (direct)** **SOEC** **CO2 PS**

COST \$1753.99 [\$1335.87, \$2217.43] USD/t
CO₂ 0.5 gCO₂/MJ
LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

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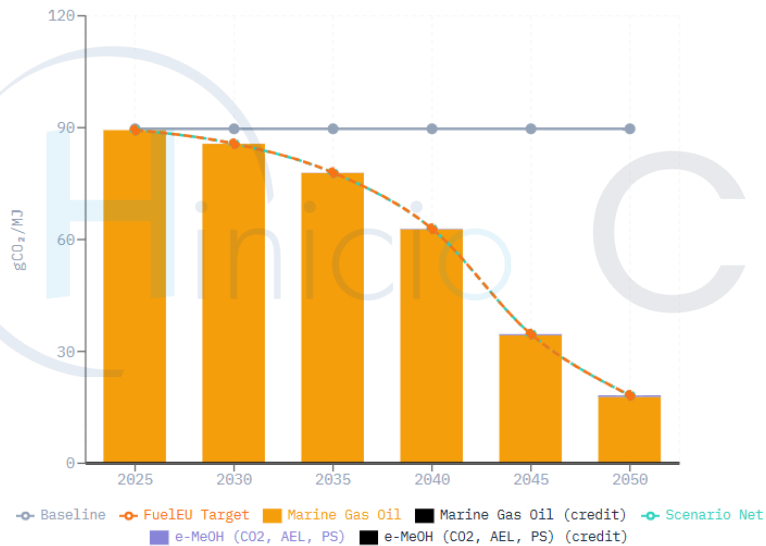
Scenario 1: An optimized blend of e-methanol offers a much better case for compliance

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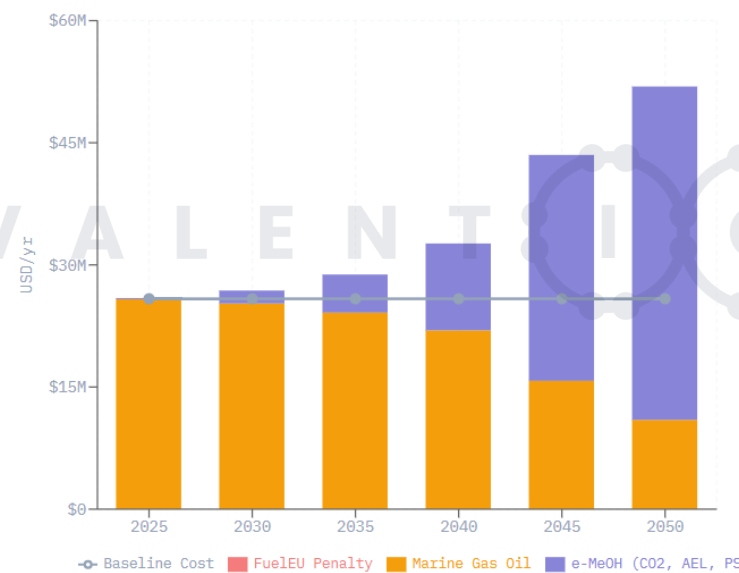
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▶ **Blending e-methanol cuts GHG intensity in line with the FuelEU target:** net intensity falls from ~89 to ~18 gCO₂/MJ, tracking the tightening limit each year and keeping the vessel compliant.

▶ **FuelEU penalties are essentially avoided:** with net intensity meeting the yearly target, the escalating penalty from Scenario 0 (~USD 122M/year by 2050) effectively disappears.

▶ **Compliance cost shifts to the e-methanol premium:** annual fuel cost rises from ~USD 26M in 2025 to ~USD 52M by 2050 as the e-MeOH share grows and MGO use shrinks.

▶ Switching fuel keeps total annual cost (~USD 52M by 2050) well below the do-nothing penalty path (~USD 148M), turning compliance into a predictable fuel investment.

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Search fuels... tCO₂/t gCO₂/MJ

ALL BLUE FUEL E-FUEL BIOFUEL

FUEL TYPE: All | PRODUCT: All | ELECTROLYSIS: All | CARBON SOURCE: All | BIOFEEDSTOCK: All

LHV 18.8 MJ/kg
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bio-MeOH (biogas, AD, Manure) ⓘ

BIOFUEL · BIO_MEOH_BIOGAS_AD_MANURE

Biofuel Methanol bio-MeOH biogas

COST \$1138.93 [\$850.07, \$1473.8] USD/t

CO₂ -240.7 gCO₂/MJ

LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

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bio-MeOH (biogas, AD, SewageSludge) ⓘ

BIOFUEL · BIO_MEOH_BIOGAS_AD_SEWAGESLUDGE

Biofuel Methanol bio-MeOH biogas

COST \$1171.36 [\$909.46, \$1473.86] USD/t

CO₂ -18.6 gCO₂/MJ

LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

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bio-MeOH (biogas, AD, MSW) ⓘ

BIOFUEL · BIO_MEOH_BIOGAS_AD_MSW

Biofuel Methanol bio-MeOH biogas

COST \$1866.3 [\$1413.59, \$2381.89] USD/t

CO₂ -48.7 gCO₂/MJ

LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

bio-MeOH (biogas, AD, AgriResidues) ⓘ

BIOFUEL · BIO_MEOH_BIOGAS_AD_AGRRESIDUES

Biofuel Methanol bio-MeOH biogas

COST \$2108.37 [\$1621.23, \$2645.68] USD/t

CO₂ 5.5 gCO₂/MJ

LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM

bio-MeOH (biosyngas) ⓘ

BIOFUEL · BIO_MEOH_BIOSYNGAS

Biofuel Methanol bio-MeOH biosyngas

COST \$1189.59 [\$922.34, \$1485.74] USD/t

CO₂ 14.6 gCO₂/MJ

LHV 19.9 MJ/kg

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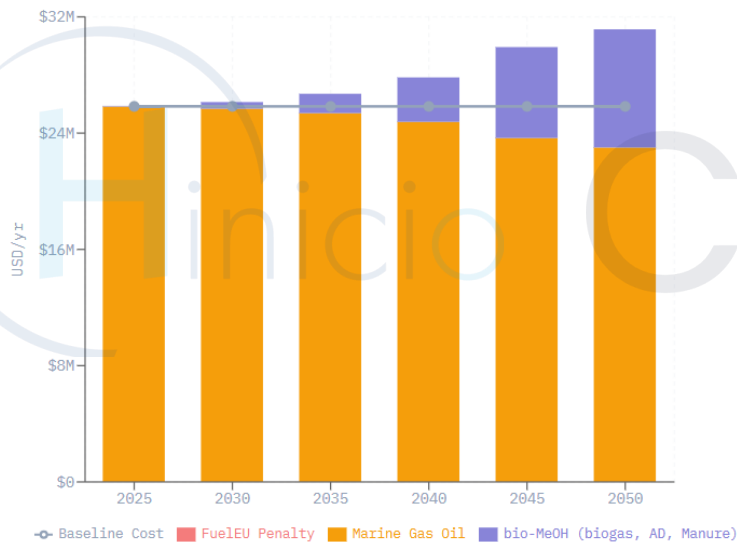
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Scenario 2: Carbon-negative biomethanol an even more effective fuel to reach compliance but is subject to strict certification and availability

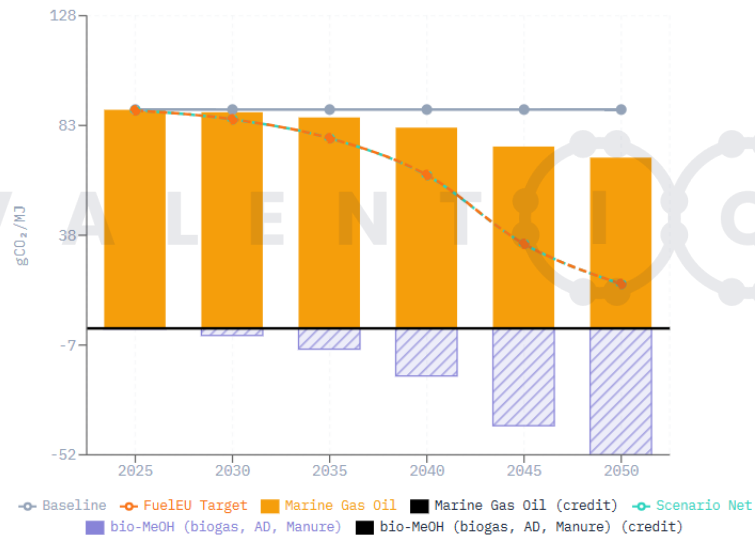
ANNUAL FUEL COST – SCENARIO VS BASELINE

Stacked bars = scenario fuel cost by fuel + FuelEU penalty (only when intensity exceeds yearly target)
 ° Grey = baseline °



EU CO₂ INTENSITY VS FUELEU TARGET

Stacked bars = blended scenario (gCO₂/MJ) ° Hatched = emission credits ° Grey = baseline °
 Dashed = FuelEU limit



Insights

- ▶ **Bio-methanol from manure-derived biogas is carbon-negative:** produced via anaerobic digestion of dairy manure, it avoids methane emissions that would otherwise be released, earning negative emission credits on top of displacing fossil MGO.
- ▶ **It reaches compliance more effectively than a conventional blend:** the negative credits pull Scenario Net right to the target intensity through 2050 with a smaller blend, so the target is met and penalties avoided.
- ▶ **Because less fuel is needed, compliance cost stays low:** annual fuel cost rises only from ~USD 26M (2025) to ~USD 31M (2050), well below the e-methanol path (~USD 52M) and the do-nothing penalty path (~USD 148M).
- ▶ But the upside is conditional: FuelEU Maritime only counts the negative emissions if they are strictly certified, and manure-derived feedstock is scarce — so the pathway cannot scale to the whole fleet. It shows fuel choice is driven by the carbon-intensity profile and sourcing, not cost alone.

Minimizing compliance cost is a route-level decision: fuel CI, certification, and port availability matter as much as fuel price

Across the three scenarios, the 2050 annual cost varies roughly five-fold:
~USD 148M doing nothing, ~USD 52M with e-methanol, ~USD 31M with carbon-negative bio-methanol

FUEL AND PROCUREMENT REALITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF FUELEU MARITIME



- ▶ **Doing nothing is the costliest path:** no investment, but FuelEU penalties escalate uncontrollably as targets tighten through 2050.
- ▶ **E-fuels (e-methanol):** scalable and compliant, but expensive and dependent on RFNBO certification and still-thin bunker supply.
- ▶ **Biofuels (bio-methanol from biogas):** can be carbon-negative and cheapest to comply, but feedstock is scarce and the negative emissions must be certified to count.
- ▶ **In practice, procurement is phased and contracted:** blends ramp over time under secured multi-year offtake of certified volumes, bunkered only where compliant fuel is available.
- ▶ **Regulation and port availability shape the choice:** certification eligibility and the fuels on offer at each bunkering port can matter more than headline price.

KEY FACTORS TO MINIMIZE COST OF COMPLIANCE



- ▶ **Fuel carbon intensity (well-to-wake),** including any certified negative-emission credits – not \$/tonne alone.
- ▶ **Certification & eligibility:** RFNBO status for e-fuels; RED II/III sustainability and certified negative emissions for biofuels.
- ▶ **Fuel price, volatility and offtake security** through long-term supply contracts.
- ▶ **Availability & bunkering infrastructure** for the fuel at the relevant ports.
- ▶ **Route & port configuration:** which legs fall in FuelEU scope (50% in/out-bound, 100% intra-EU) and where to bunker.
- ▶ **FuelEU flexibility mechanisms:** pooling, banking and borrowing of compliance balances.
- ▶ **Interaction with other schemes:** EU ETS, CBAM and the IMO Net-Zero Framework.
- ▶ **Vessel/engine compatibility** and any retrofit CAPEX for the chosen fuel.
- ▶ **Penalty trajectory and tightening targets,** and the timing/phasing of the transition to avoid lock-in.



No single fuel wins – the cheapest path to compliance combines the right low/negative-CI fuels, certification, bunkerability, and smarter optimized routing. And the sooner you act, the less you pay.



Case 2:
**Bunkering the regulated routes
to capture FuelEU Maritime
value**



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FUEL PROPERTIES MANAGE

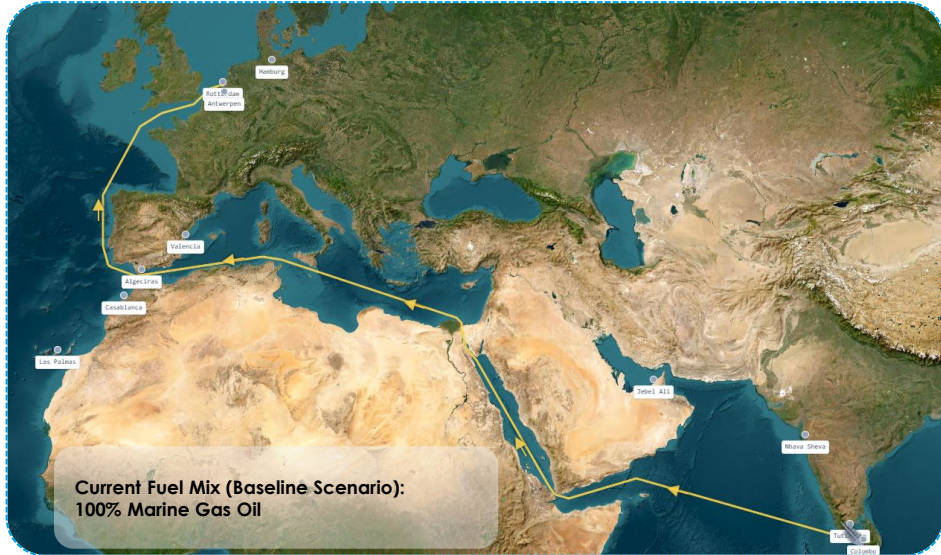
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Case 2: How can fuel producers and ports outside Europe translate FuelEU Maritime compliance needs into bankable demand for low-carbon marine fuels?



India–Europe container route from VOC Port / Tuticorin to Rotterdam, currently served via Colombo transshipment and compared with a future direct VOC Port–Rotterdam route enabled by renewable molecule bunkering at VOC Port.

For port operators and project developers, renewable fuel availability can create value by changing both the fuel pathway and the route configuration



FuelEU Maritime creates a compliance-driven demand signal for vessels calling at European ports. For ports and project developers, this creates an opportunity to assess whether low-carbon fuel supply can support new routing options, not only reduce emissions on existing routes.



The case compares the current Europe-bound logistics pathway from VOC Port with a future direct-routing scenario enabled by renewable molecule bunkering at VOC Port. Public sources indicate that VOC Port's Europe-bound container connectivity is currently largely served via Colombo transshipment, while direct VOC–Europe calls have been reported as limited or ad hoc.

The assessed route comparison comprises two configurations:



Current route: VOC Port – Colombo – Rotterdam

Existing Europe-bound logistics pathway using Colombo as a transshipment hub.

Alternative route: VOC Port – Rotterdam

Future direct EU-bound route enabled by renewable molecule bunkering at VOC Port.

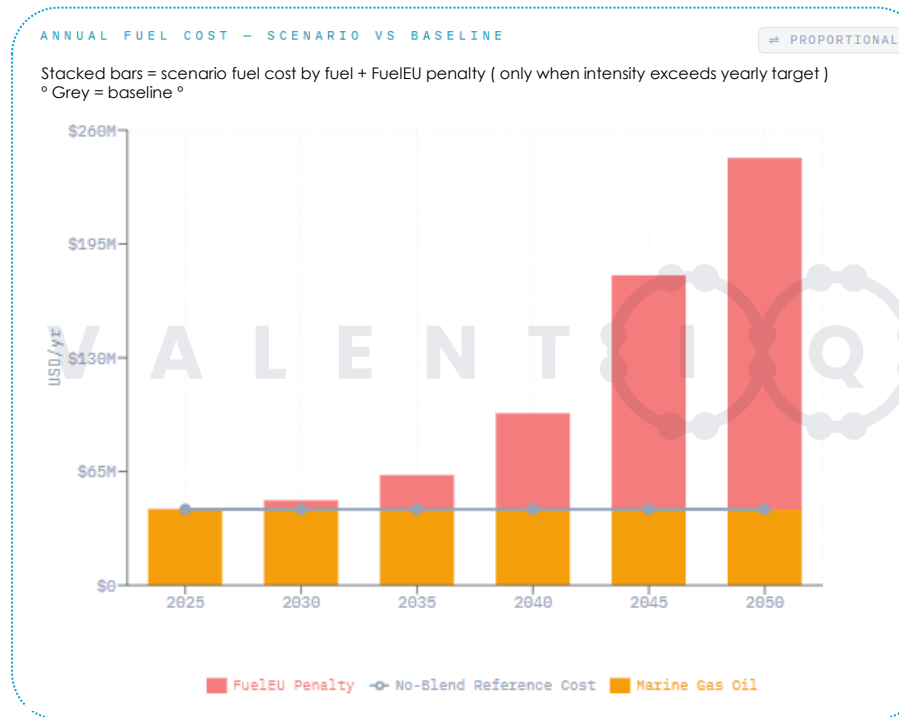
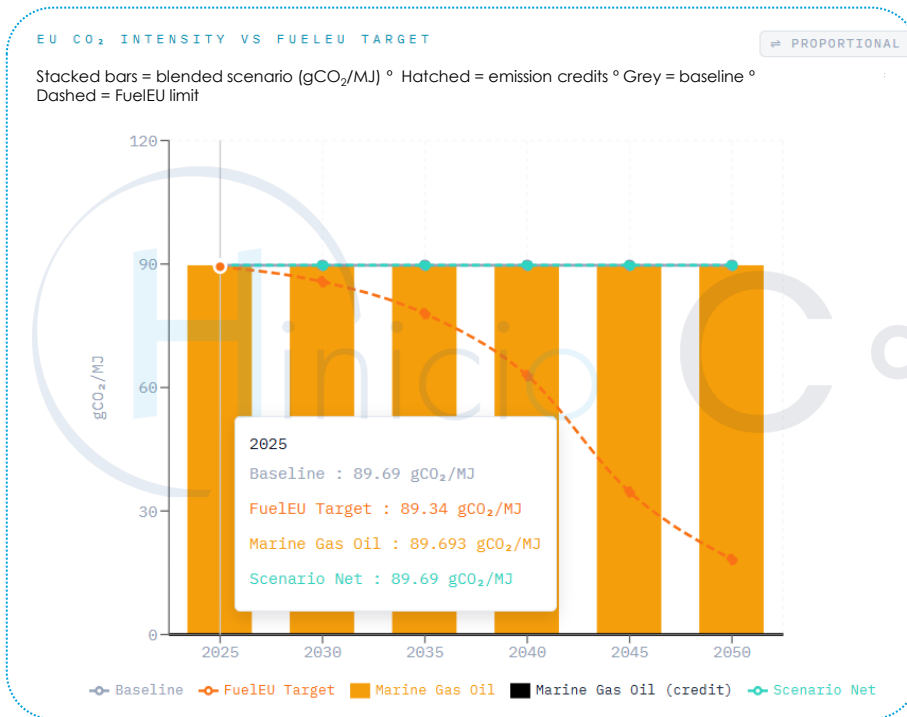


Illustrative Assumptions:

- Stakeholder perspective: **Project Developer / Port Operator**
- VOC Port / Tuticorin – Colombo: **Feeder container vessel, ~1,000 TEU with MGO, ~122 one-way voyages/year**
- Colombo – Rotterdam: **Post-Panamax container vessel, ~8,000 TEU with MGO, ~52 one-way voyages/year**

The current fossil MGO route starts non-compliant in 2025 and becomes structurally cost-exposed under FuelEU, with penalties increasing from USD 0.3M from 2025 to USD 200.8M by 2050 periods.

Insights



- ▶ **Non-compliance starts immediately in 2025**, with the fossil route already above the FuelEU threshold and incurring a first penalty of USD 0.32M.
- ▶ **FuelEU exposure increases sharply over time:** annual penalties rise from USD 5.2M in 2030 to USD 200.8M in 2050 as targets tighten and multipliers increase.
- ▶ **By 2040, penalties overtake the fossil fuel bill;** by 2050, total annual cost reaches USD 244.2M, versus a roughly constant fossil fuel cost of USD 43.4M/year.
- ▶ This makes compliance a structural issue, supporting the need to introduce renewable molecules over time and assess VOC Port bunkering as a route-level mitigation lever.

FUEL LIBRARY

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DUPLICATE AS CUSTOM FUEL



FUEL NAME * CO₂ FACTOR (GCO₂/MJ)

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DENSITY (T/M³)

COST SCENARIOS (USD/T)

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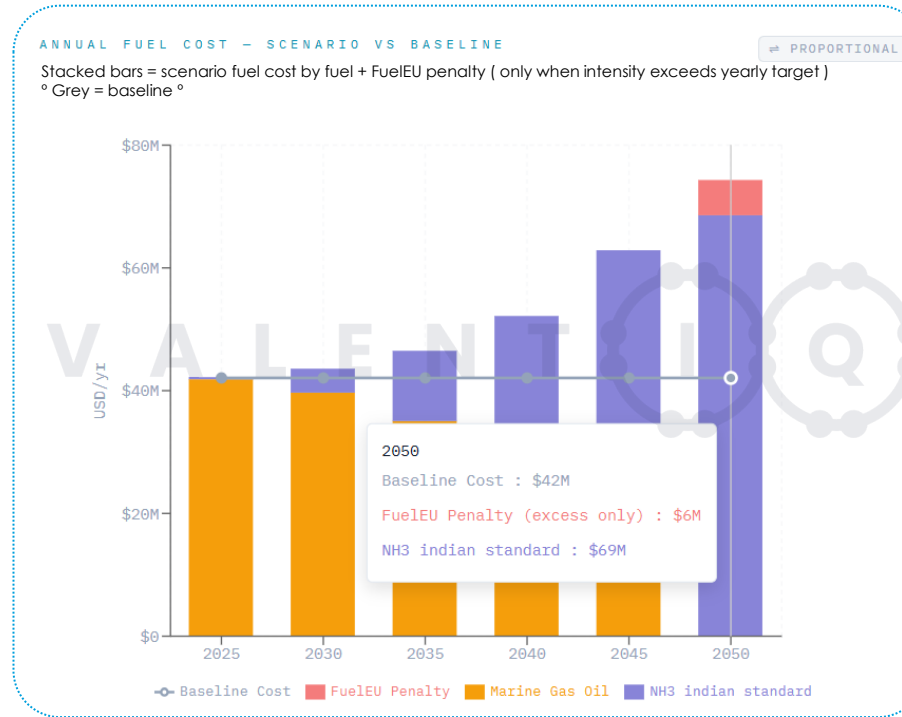
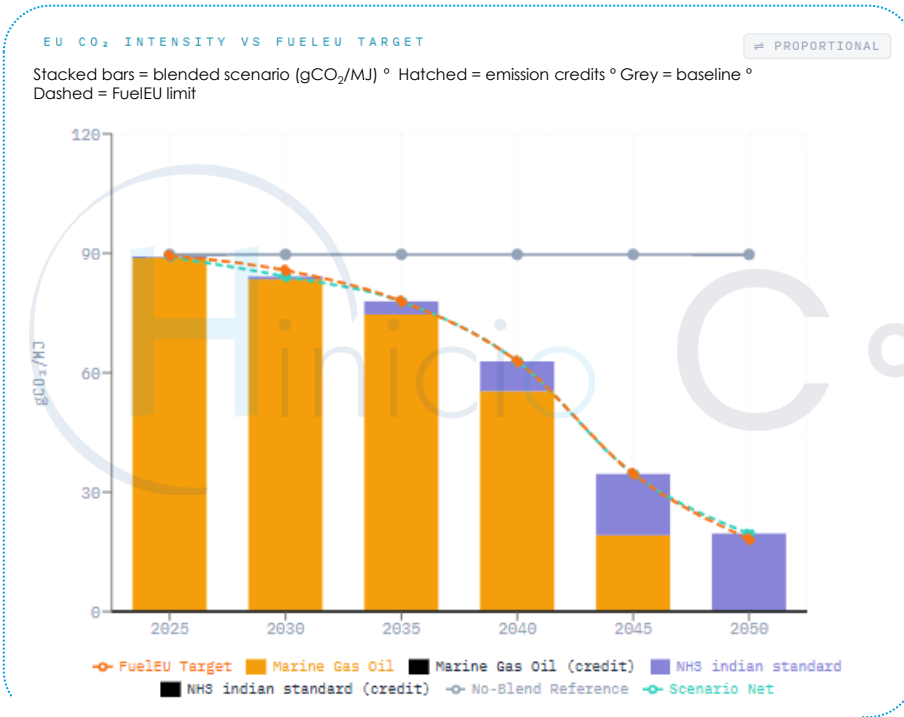
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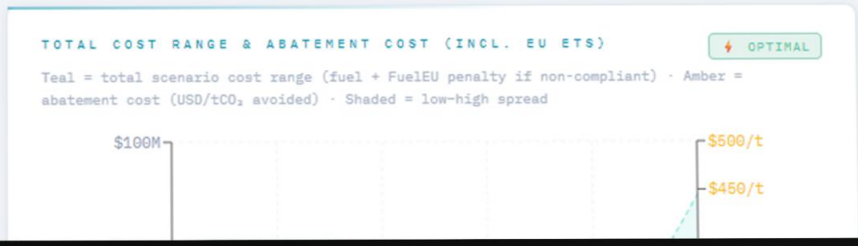
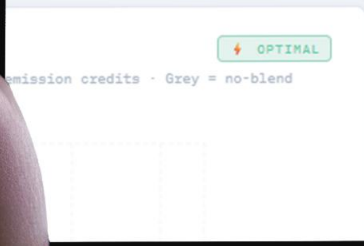
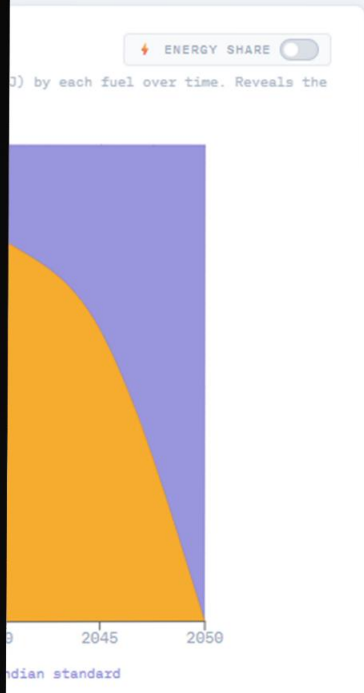
Custom-coding an Indian-standard NH₃ molecule in the tool shows that direct VOC Port–Rotterdam bunkering can largely avoid FuelEU penalties until 2045 period

Insights



- ▶ The tool can test bespoke fuel pathways **by adding and coding new molecules**, here applied to Indian-standard NH₃.
- ▶ The direct VOC Port–Rotterdam route **remains compliant from 2025 to 2045**, with zero FuelEU penalties throughout this period.
- ▶ By 2050, the route is only slightly above the threshold, resulting in a **limited USD 5.7M penalty** and an **all-in cost of USD 74.3M**.
- ▶ This materially improves route economics relative to the fossil MGO case, while demonstrating the model's value for testing alternative bunkering strategies.

PROJECTIONS



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LHV	18800	MJ/t

RFN802 energy credit on

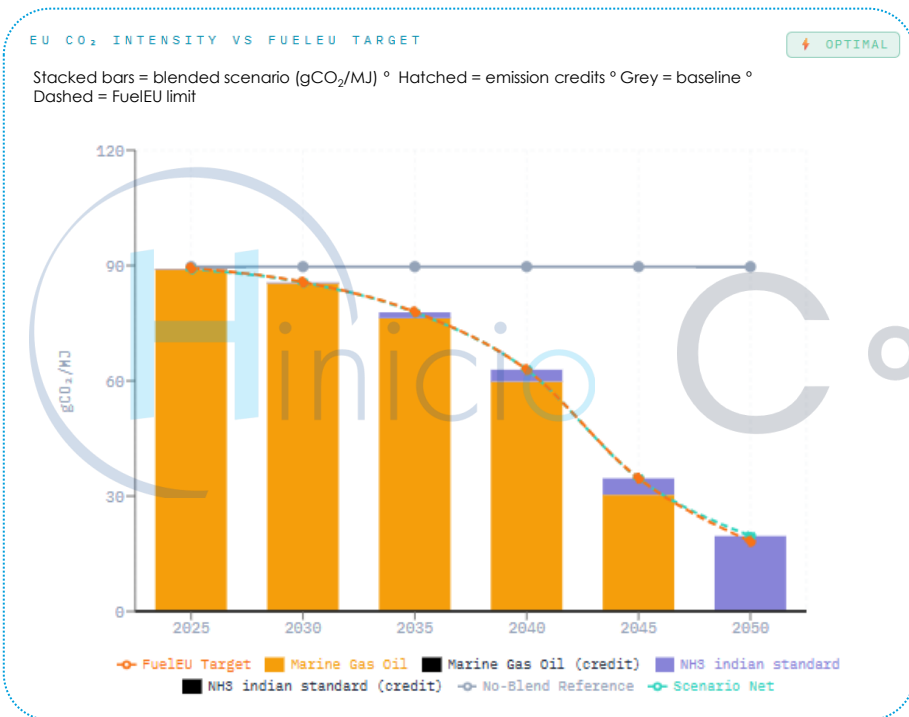
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Certifying NH₃ as RFNBO unlocks ~USD 1.1M/year in savings by 2030 vs LCF, while energy allocation further reduces costs by up to USD 10.4M by 2040 vs proportional CI calculation

Insights



- ▶ **RFNBO certification improves compliance efficiency** vs LCF, reducing fuel requirements and overall costs until 2034 (2030 period).
- ▶ **Annual all-in cost savings reach USD 1.2M in 2030** when ammonia is certified as RFNBO.
- ▶ **Optimizing energy allocation** under FuelEU Maritime **allows to reduce all-in route fuel costs** while maintaining compliance at ship level
- ▶ Compared with the non-certified NH₃ case, this configuration keeps the direct VOC Port–Rotterdam route FuelEU-compliant from 2025 to 2045 while improving route economics.
- ▶ Efficient yearly energy allocation for this case allows savings of USD 10.4M in 2045.

FuelEU Maritime is not only a compliance requirement, it is a demand signal that can unlock entire fuel infrastructure and shipping corridors investments

ACCESS TO FUEL EUM REGULATED ROUTES ENABLES EARLY VALUE CAPTURE FOR PORTS AND FUEL PRODUCERS



- ▶ FuelEU Maritime creates regulated demand anchored in EU-bound routes
- ▶ Ports can evolve into energy hubs linking bunkering, certification and demand
- ▶ Fuel producers move from selling energy to selling compliance value
- ▶ Early positioning enables participation in first compliance-driven markets
- ▶ The same molecule can serve and capture more value in multiple regulated markets when is RFNBO (FuelEU + RED III)

KEY MESSAGES FOR CASE 2: VOC (INDIA) – ROTTERDAM (THE NETHERLANDS)

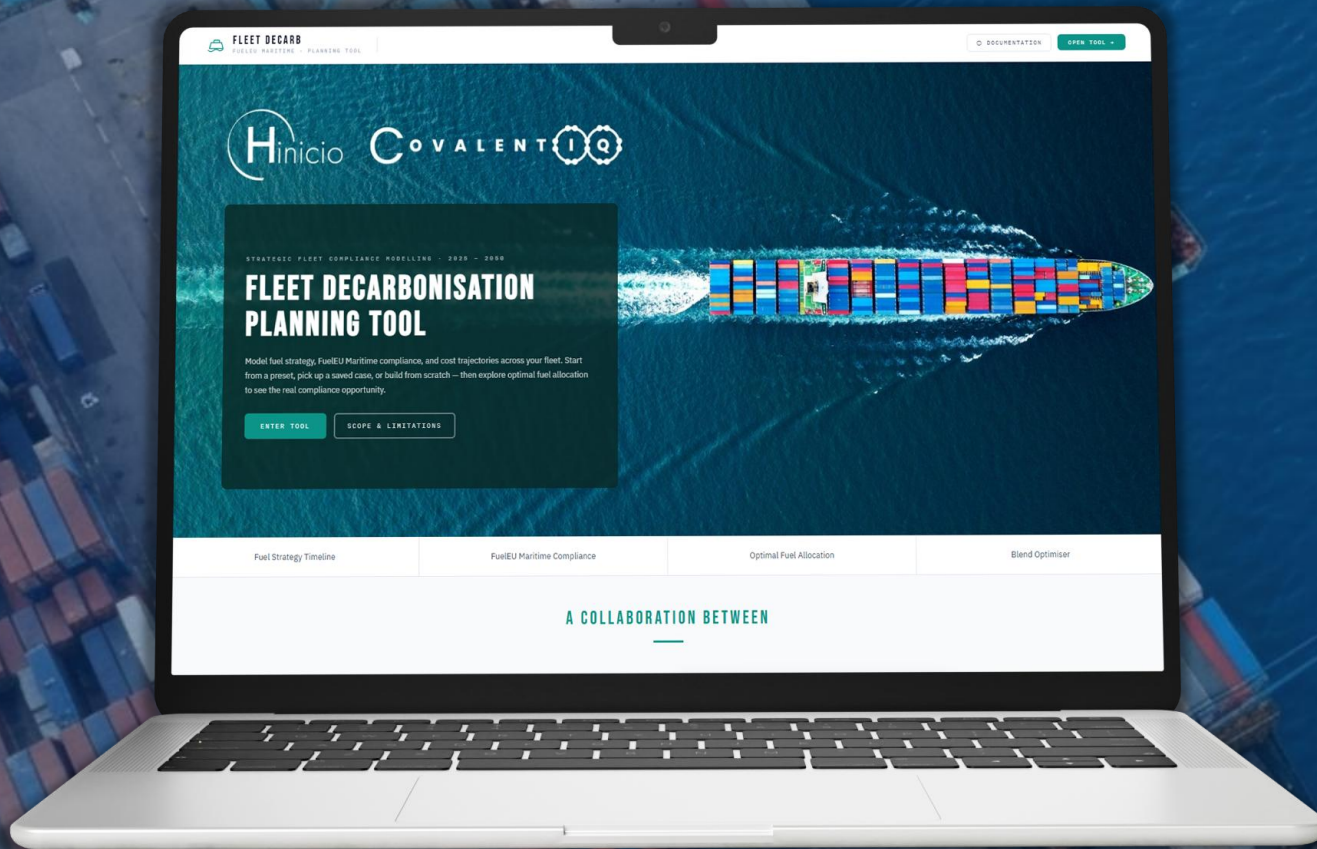


- ▶ Fossil routes become structurally exposed to compliance cost
- ▶ Low-carbon fuel supply at origin can reshape routes and unlock new corridors
- ▶ Certification (RFNBO / LCF) is a critical value driver, not a technical detail
- ▶ Strategic bunkering locations can bridge supply and regulated demand
- ▶ Early surplus generation and banking strategies can further optimize compliance



Ports and fuel producers can create value beyond the molecule —by enabling compliance, certification and access to regulated markets.





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