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Finnair's begins flying biofuel planes. Photo by Joi

Now, some of you may be familiar with cars running on biofuel. You know, the fuel made from renewable, organic raw material? Basically, it's a fuel often associated with recycled cooking oil in restaurants. Well, **Finnair** is using it to fuel its planes.

That's right, cooking oil. In partnership with Dutch company SkyNRG, Finnair seeks to use biofuels and other alternative energies as a way to reduce energy emissions. The flight, which took place Wednesday, July 20 from Amsterdam to Helsinki, is one such step the company is making in pursuit of "a sustainable future for aviation through actively developing a sustainable production chain for alternative aviation fuels," according to a release.

"Biofuel use is still not financially sustainable, because biofuel is more expensive than ordinary aviation fuel and no large-scale production or distribution has yet been established. Finnair, moreover, does not receive any kind of financial support to use biofuel, unlike some other airlines," says Finnair's Vice President Sustainable Development Kati Ihamäki.

According to the release, Finnair's first flights utilize SkyNRG biofuel manufactured from recycled cooking oil, which are mixed half-and-half with ordinary aviation fuel. SkyNRG's fuel fulfills all quality and safety requirements for jet fuel, and is actually certified in the same class as ordinary aviation fuel. Finnair's flight AY846 flown on an Airbus A319.

Finnair is not the only European airline flying biofuel flights. Earlier this month, German airline **Lufthansa** kicked off a six-month biofuel trial for all scheduled flights between Hamburg and Frankfurt, Germany.

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