MNI: European Refinery Maintenance (Dec-Jan)

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See the overview below of key European refinery news and maintenance through December and into early January. All posts were covered in the MNI real-time service in greater detail:

- **Jan 5 – Phillips 66, Lindsey refinery, UK –** Phillips 66 bought the Lindsey refinery to support its nearby Humber refinery. Does not intend to restart Lindsey. (Company communications)
- **Jan 5 – Petroineos, Lavera refinery – France** - refinery is restarting a crude unit after repairs to a faulty sensor. Was an overnight halt. (Community alert)
- **Jan 2 – Zeeland refinery, Netherlands -** will take some factory installations out of operation in January 2026 to carry out maintenance work. Work expected to last a few weeks. (Company LinkedIn)
- **Dec 31 – Saras, Sarroch refinery, Italy -** restarting after power issues following a lightning strike (Company statement)
- **Dec 30 – Saras, Sarroch refinery, Italy –** all units halted. (IIR)
- **Dec 29 – TotalEnergies, Antwerp refinery, Belgium –** restarting after planned maintenance (Bloomberg sources)
- **Dec 23 – INA, Rijeka refinery, Croatia -** close to ending its reliance on Russian feedstock. commercial operations expected in the first quarter of 2026. (INA/Platts)
- **Dec 17 – Mol, Danube refinery, Hungary –** to return to full capacity in 3Q of 2026 following fire in October 2025. Production loss expected at around 30% on average, improving towards repair completion. (Company statement)
- **Dec 17 – OMV Petrom, Petrobrazi refinery, Romania -** completed the construction of a sulfur recovery unit. Allows a wider range of crude to be run - has moved away from Russian barrels (Company statement)
- **Dec 15 – PCK, Schwedt refinery, Germany** - refinery received regulatory approval to resume crude pipeline operations from the port of Rostock following an inspection. 80-hour outage. (Bloomberg source)
- **Dec 12 – Rhone Energies, Fos refinery, France -** work on a production unit for several weeks after a technical issue. (Community alert)
- **Dec 8 – Saras, Sarroch refinery, Italy –** increased FCC activity that had been closed since October. (Reuters sources)
- **Dec 5 – OMV Petrom, Petrobrazi refinery, Romania -** restarted its Brazi gas-fired power plant in Romania after several days of unplanned shutdown following a water shortage in the area. (Company statement)

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