

MNI: European Refining July

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See highlights below of key operational refinery news in Europe through July. Only latest news on each refinery included to avoid multiple entries. Lindsey closure and Litvinov operational issues in particular generated numerous updates this month.

- All individual entries were released on the MNI Commodity Service through July. Sources of information listed in brackets.

July 28 - INEOS, Lavera refinery, France – 240kbd CDU shut on July 25. (IIR)

July 28 – Orlen - Unipetrol, Litvinov refinery, Czech Republic - oil-processing plant restarted the steam cracker at the weekend, allowing production in the refinery to return to normal levels. Force majeure remains in place. (Official post via X)

July 25 – Shell Pernis refinery, Netherlands - has restarted a hydrodesulfurization unit after an unplanned stop this week. All other units operate normally. (IIR)

July 25 – Eni, Sannazzaro refinery, Italy - working on the conversion of its Sannazzaro refinery into a bio-refinery, aligning with its decarbonization strategy. (Q2 call)

July 24 – Repsol, Cartagena refinery, Spain – maintenance planned in H2 (Q2 results call)

July 24 – Eni, Livorno refinery, Italy - The European Investment Bank (EIB) and Eni have signed a €500 million 15-year finance contract to support the conversion of Eni's Livorno refinery in Tuscany into a biorefinery. (company statement)

July 22 – Prax, Lindsey refinery, UK - oil refinery in northern England won't continue as a going concern, Energy Minister Michael Shanks told lawmakers. (government announcement)

July 22 – Galp, Sines refinery, Portugal – Refinery has large planned maintenance in Q4 – details remain limited at present. (Q2 call)

July 17 – TotalEnergies, Gonfreville refinery, France - restarting the steam cracker at the petchem section (community alert)

July 10 – Petroineos, Lavera refinery, France - is restarting an unspecified refining unit (community alert)

July 9 – TotalEnergies, Feyzin refinery, France - decided to proceed with the 2027 turnaround at Feyzin, allowing the plant to operate until 2034. (union statement)

July 9 – BP, Gelsenkirchen refinery, Germany - BP didn't include the hydrocracker in Q2 overview on plans for changes at the refinery. Had been slated to be repurposed (company call)

July 7 – ExxonMobil, Antwerp refinery - is preparing for a turnaround at its Antwerp oil-processing complex in 2026 (Bloomberg sources)