

**Priority question for written answer P-000685/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Air quality and the risk of viral transmission on aircraft

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global air transport is without precedent. In the aftermath of the outbreak, Member States and airlines, in coordination with public health authorities, developed a set of measures aimed at reducing health risks for travellers and aviation workers. These measures are designed to ensure a predictable travel experience. They should also contribute to the safe transport by air of an increasing number of passengers and should minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission or inhalation of air contaminated by hazardous chemicals. However, in spite of the new safety measures, there are many fears among the general public that the air quality measures are not effective enough and that there is still a serious risk of infection on board.

In light of the above, we would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Has the Commission investigated and been monitoring whether these measures are consistent, harmonised to the greatest suitable extent, and flexible enough to respond to situational risk assessment and risk tolerance?
2. As health authorities review the applicability of air quality measures based on recognised medical criteria and passenger numbers, has the Commission undertaken an assessment on feasibility and efficiency?