Question for written answer E-001314/2021 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Developing the use of biofuels in civil aviation

In a joint statement, France and seven other EU countries have expressed their wish to make the blending of biofuels with kerosene mandatory in civil aviation.

As it stands, only 0.05% of biofuels are blended with kerosene in the EU. Research is being carried out to produce biofuels from algae or waste such as sewage sludge or household waste. Green hydrogen is also a promising alternative fuel as it does not emit CO₂.

However, cost is proving to be the biggest obstacle: biofuels are two to five times more expensive than kerosene.

While the project which France and its European partners are running will facilitate the establishment and stabilisation of biofuel pathways, appropriate tax measures will also be needed to make biofuels more competitive, while taking advantage of our domestic market.

Could the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1. Is the Commission supporting research into new biofuels for civil aviation?
- 2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to boost the use of biofuels in civil aviation?

Supporter¹

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