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to the Commission**

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Subject: Geographic dispersion of the European Parliament and its environmental impact

Over a single parliamentary term, the costs generated by Parliament's geographic dispersion can amount to as much as EUR 1 billion¹. In 2013 the environmental impact of this was estimated to be between 11 000 and 19 000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions².

Although the Treaty of Amsterdam establishes the location of the seats of the EU institutions, the European Parliament has repeatedly expressed support for a single seat. A study requested by Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety concludes that 'in a carbon neutrality pathway, it is evident that the EP needs to consider operation in one site'³. Additionally, in its resolution of 28 November 2019 on the climate and environment emergency, Parliament committed to reducing its carbon footprint⁴.

Given the position of Parliament, the data regarding the environmental impact of geographic dispersion and the goals of the European Green Deal, is the Commission considering adopting proposals or suggesting changes to the Treaties relating to the double seat of the European Parliament?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0245_EN.html

² <https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/summary.do?id=1324608&t=e&l=en>

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2014_2019/plmrep/COMMITTEES/ENVI/DV/2020/11-16/IPOL_STU2020652735_EN.pdf

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52019IP0078%2801%29>