Question for written answer E-003884/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (The Left)

Subject: Increase in the number of private jets flying to the airports of Ibiza and Palma

Between January and October of this year, 17 864 and 15 535 flights with private jets have been recorded in the airports of Palma and Ibiza respectively. These islands figure among the ten European territories with the most private jet activity, a form of transport not subject to taxation in the majority of European countries, despite its major environmental impact. This has led to climate activists protesting in the Balearic Islands.

- 1. What is the Commission's opinion on the increase in private jet activity in the Balearic Islands, its environmental impact, the consequences of the islands being turned into a tourism commodity and the ensuing over-exploitation of resources?
- 2. In light of the debates and criticisms this situation has sparked in Member States, what measures does the Commission intend to take to reduce or discourage the use of this highly polluting means of transport?
- 3. How would the Commission assess a national or regional legislative initiative to limit private jet traffic to the airports of Palma and Ibiza with a view to mitigating its environmental impact?

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