

**Question for written answer E-003885/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Aviation fuel in the EU

Knowing the Commission's determination to reduce energy consumption and pollutant gas emissions in the Union, bearing in mind that aviation accounted for 4% of total emissions in Europe before the pandemic and that the fuel used by this sector is exempt from taxation, a fact which serves to exacerbate inequality among citizens and to protect the owners of private aircraft as opposed to ordinary people who pay tax on their fuel,

1. Does the Commission intend to recommend the introduction of a fuel tax for private aircraft, the owners of which hold assets of around EUR 1 300 million, according to Transport & Environment?
2. Does the Commission intend to promote a reduction in the use of private aircraft, knowing that, according to Greenpeace, they pollute ten times more than travelling by commercial plane, and given that, for most flights within Europe, there are alternative modes of transport which are fifty times less polluting, such as trains?
3. What is the Commission's view of the fact that a minority pollutes and wastes energy while the general public struggles to pay their bills and must save, given that four hours of flight by private aircraft pollute as much as an average European citizen per year?

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