

**Question for written answer E-001930/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of private flights by European Parliament President

Romanian President Klaus Iohannis and European Parliament President Roberta Metsola travelled from Bucharest, Romania to Chişinău, Moldova (437 km) for the European Political Community summit¹.

There are daily flights from Bucharest to Chişinău for less than EUR 200, operated by Tarom². Nevertheless, both the Romanian President and the European Parliament President travelled by private jet. On average, each private flight in Europe in 2022 was responsible for 5.9 tonnes of CO₂ emissions, while 55 % of private flights in Europe in 2022 were for distances of under 750 kilometres³. The European Parliament adopted the European Climate Law⁴, which includes a legally binding target of reducing emissions by at least 55 % by 2030⁵. Aviation is among the fastest-growing sources of emissions that contribute to climate change⁶.

1. How does the Commission intend to uphold its commitment to promoting sustainable practices and reducing carbon emissions among EU institutions?
2. What measures will it take to address the concerns raised regarding President Metsola's choice of transport and its potential inconsistency with the European Parliament's stance on climate change and sustainable mobility?
3. Will it consider implementing stricter guidelines regarding the modes of transport used by EU office holders and officials, including the European Parliament President, to ensure greater adherence to sustainable travel practices?

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https://twitter.com/KlausIohannis/status/1664169352118116354?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet%7Ctwtr%5Etrue.

2 <https://www.tarom.ro/>.

3 <https://www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/issues/climate-energy/46619/european-private-jet-pollution-doubled-in-one-year/>.

4 Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

5 <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/priorities/climate-change/20200618STO81513/green-deal-key-to-a-climate-neutral-and-sustainable-eu>.

6 <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/priorities/climate-change/20191129STO67756/emissions-from-planes-and-ships-facts-and-figures-infographic>.