

**Question for written answer E-002301/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: EU Commissioners' air travel

The Commissioner for Climate Action, Frans Timmermans, is aiming to put an end to short-haul flights within the European Union, as he announced in May 2021: there should be no more short-haul flights for distances of less than 600 to 800 kilometres in the EU<sup>1</sup>. To support this goal, in 2021, Commission President von der Leyen flew from Vienna to Bratislava by private jet (duration: 19 minutes, distance: 47 km)<sup>2</sup>.

1. What was the Commission's total spending on flights between 2020 and 2022?
2. Which Commissioners took flights for work-related travel for distances of less than 800 km between 2020 and 2022?
3. How many tonnes of greenhouse gases were emitted owing to Commissioners' air travel between 2020 and 2022?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/service/klima-eu-kommission-strebt-ende-von-kurzstreckenfluegen-an-a-c819ce8e-67d3-4405-8978-aa1e95533c69>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.merkur.de/politik/ursula-von-der-leyen-flug-wien-bratislava-kritik-privatjet-eu-kommission-praesidentin-news-zr-91094506.html>