

ORAL QUESTION H-0837/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of kerosene tax

The aviation sector has experienced extremely dynamic development in recent years, and aviation is becoming an increasingly important means of transport.

Given that aviation currently produces 3% of total CO₂ emissions in Europe and this trend will continue to rise, consideration must be given to the introduction of a kerosene tax.

From the point of view of environment policy, it makes sense to levy a tax on aviation fuel, at least within the EU's borders. This is the only way of guaranteeing a more environmentally friendly approach to aviation fuel.

Other fossil fuels are also subject to tax, and the situation should be harmonised.

Even minor additional costs to passengers would produce added value for the environment, so that a light tax on kerosene would benefit both the environment and consumers.

What action will the Commission take in connection with the debate on kerosene tax?

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