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to the Commission**

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Subject: Tackling aviation contrails

At the end of last year, a coalition of 50 scientists from across the world called upon global decision-makers to implement solutions to tackle aviation contrails¹. These are the white lines formed by aeroplanes and they have a significant net warming effect on the climate – potentially equal to or greater than aviation's CO₂ emissions. Notably, around 80 % of contrail-induced warming comes from just 5 % of flights. Small adjustments to these flight paths could reduce global contrail warming by more than half.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission considering any measures to ensure the rapid and widespread implementation of contrail avoidance practices by airlines and air traffic management authorities?
2. Could the Commission provide an update on EU funding and support for contrail avoidance trials and associated research initiatives?

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¹ <https://www.transportenvironment.org/articles/aviation-international-scientists-warn-of-warming-impact-of-contrails-and-risks-of-delaying-action>.