

**Question for written answer E-001585/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Risk of aviation fuel shortages in the European Union due to the war in the Middle East

The European Union is confronted with immediate risks to its energy security and the unhindered functioning of critical infrastructure, as the war in the Middle East is evolving into the most significant energy crisis of recent decades¹. The head of the International Energy Agency, Fatih Birol, has warned that Europe has ‘maybe six weeks or so of jet fuel left’, highlighting the risk of imminent disruptions to aviation in the event of a prolonged disruption of energy flows².

Taking into account that the Airports Council International Europe has warned that Europe may face a systemic shortage of aviation fuel within three weeks if activity in the Strait of Hormuz is not restored, calling for urgent and coordinated action at EU level³, that the summer tourist season is approaching and that air transport – especially in countries with very high levels of tourism activity such as Greece – is expected to increase significantly, can the Commission say:

1. Does it confirm the above, and what is its assessment of the adequacy of the aviation fuel supply and the availability of aviation fuel across the EU?
2. What measures does it intend to take to prevent and manage any disruptions to the functioning of the European aviation network and to safeguard the rights of air passengers in the event of flight cancellations or price increases?
3. What measures is it planning to ensure adequate air connectivity, in particular for island and remote areas of the EU, and for tourist destinations, in view of the summer season?

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¹ The shipping route through which around a fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas supplies passed before the war has almost come to a complete standstill since its outbreak on 28 February. According to the Financial Times, around 40 % of the global supply of aviation fuel passes through the Strait of Hormuz.

² <https://apnews.com/video/europe-has-maybe-6-weeks-of-jet-fuel-left-energy-agency-head-tells-ap-d78d8b0e004d45a1b6368870dcaad2a7>.

³ <https://www.euronews.com/business/2026/04/10/airport-council-warns-hormuz-closure-poses-major-fuel-shortage-risks>.