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The Commission shares the importance of ensuring a level playing field and providing consumers with accurate information to make informed choices and to allow the comparison of emissions between different modes of transport. In this context, the Commission has adopted in 2023 a proposal for CountEmissions EU¹, which is currently being discussed by co-legislators in the legislative procedure.

The Flight Emissions Label (FEL)² was established under the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation³ as part of the political agreement reached by co-legislators, and it entered into force on 1 January 2025. FEL was developed in such a way that its methodology is coherent and consistent with the one proposed under the CountEmissions EU proposal. Airlines operating flights within the EU or departing from the EU will be able to voluntarily join this label which will be fully operational as of July 2025.

The Commission will report to the co-legislators on the implementation of FEL by July 2027, drawing on the preparatory action 'Environmental Label for Aviation' delegated to the European Union Aviation Safety Agency⁴.

¹ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services, COM(2023) 441 final.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3170 of 18 December 2024 laying down detailed provisions concerning the voluntary environmental labelling scheme for the estimation of the environmental performance of flights, established pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Flight Emissions Label).

³ Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU Aviation).

⁴ COMMISSION DECISION of 5.4.2024 on the financing of pilot projects and preparatory actions in the field of transport and the adoption of the work programme for 2024.