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**Question for written answer E-003404/25
to the Commission
Siegbert Frank Droese (ESN)
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Subject: 'Green fares' in air traffic

1. What positive results have several airline projects achieved since 2023 in terms of 'green fares'?
2. How does the Commission view the fact that only 0.1-2% of airline passengers book using 'green fares', with the highest proportion found in Scandinavia?
3. Does the Commission support Foundation myclimate and its study on the idea of 'green fares'?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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In accordance with the Air Services Regulation ⁽¹⁾, Community air carriers have the freedom to set air fares and air rates for intra-Community air services.

Furthermore, the Air Services Regulation allows for optional price supplements, if they are communicated in a transparent and unambiguous way and provided that they are set on an 'opt-in' basis.

In 2024, the Commission and EU consumer authorities sent letters to 20 airlines identifying several types of potentially misleading green claims including in relation to 'green fares' and inviting them to bring their practices in line with EU consumer law ⁽²⁾. This coordinated action, which was a follow-up to an alert from the European Consumer Organisation, is still ongoing.

The Commission is committed to supporting measures that incentivise sustainable choices in the aviation sector in a transparent and unambiguous way.

Since 1 January 2025, the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation ⁽³⁾ mandates aviation fuel suppliers to ensure that aviation fuel supplied at Union airports contains minimum shares of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), resulting in an increased availability of SAF in the EU.

The Flight Emissions Label Commission Implementing Regulation ⁽⁴⁾ provides a voluntary environmental labelling scheme enabling transparency on the environmental performance of flights.

The Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act ⁽⁵⁾ on sustainable activities sets out criteria for passenger and freight air transport, which include requirements on the use of SAF.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community, *OJ L* 293, 31.10.2008, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2322.

⁽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), *OJ L* 2405 31.10.2023, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ 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), *OJ L*, 2024/3170, 31.12.2024.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2485 of 27 June 2023 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2139 establishing additional technical screening criteria for determining the conditions under which certain economic activities qualify as contributing substantially to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation and for determining whether those activities cause no significant harm to any of the other environmental objectives, *OJ L*, 2023/2485, 21.11.2023.