

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-004170/25
to the Commission
Barbara Bonte (Pfe)
(22 October 2025)**

Subject: Use of private jets by European Commissioners

In its communications, the European Commission regularly emphasises the importance of sustainability and climate neutrality and how important it is that the European institutions lead by example. In this regard, transparency about the travel arrangements of Commissioners is essential.

1. How many times have European Commissioners used a private jet or commercial flight since the beginning of this legislative term, broken down by category and by Commissioner?
2. For which destinations and events were such flights used?
3. Can the Commission indicate how long each journey was in kilometers?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
(21 January 2026)**

The Honourable Member will find all relevant information on the use of flights, the destinations and the purpose of the travel, since the beginning of the Commission's mandate for both the President and the Members of the Commission on dedicated webpages which ensure transparency of missions for the public ⁽¹⁾.

As a general rule, the air taxi may be authorised only under exceptional circumstances, either when commercial flights are not available to reach a destination or when they cannot fit with the Member of the Commission's diary, or for security reasons.

A careful check of all options should be made, including agenda planning, so that the air taxi is only envisaged as a last option ⁽²⁾.

Following the European Green Deal, the Commission committed in its 'Greening Communication' ⁽³⁾ to reduce its overall carbon footprint by 60% from 2005 to 2030 (or 38% from 2019 to 2030).

This includes an objective to reduce emissions from missions, taking into account these exceptional needs for the use of air taxis in the interest of the service.

The Commission regrets to inform the Honourable Member that the Information Technology tool used for managing missions does not enable the Commission to automatically extract this data.

⁽¹⁾ See the dedicated transparency section of the websites of the Members of the Commission via the following link: https://commission.europa.eu/about/organisation/college-commissioners_en.

⁽²⁾ Annex 2 to Commission Decision C(2018) 700 final of 31 January 2018 on a Code of Conduct for the Members of the European Commission. See: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018D0221(02)).

⁽³⁾ Communication to the Commission 'Greening the Commission', 5.4.2022, C(2022)2230: https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2022-04/c_2022_2230_2_en_act_part1_v11.pdf.