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1. As confirmed during the weekly meetings of the Oil Coordination Group with Member States and Industry representatives, while the stock level of some fuels has decreased, there is no immediate threat to the security of supply in the EU. To strengthen preparedness, and as announced in the AccelerateEU Communication¹, the Commission is establishing a fuel observatory to monitor EU production, imports, exports and fuel stocks. This will improve visibility over supply and demand, help detect shortages, and support targeted action such as alternative sourcing or coordinated stock releases in the EU.
2. As announced in the AccelerateEU Communication, the Commission also issued, on 8 May 2026, guidance on the flexibilities offered by EU aviation legislation to ensure a coordinated response across Member States². This covers airport slots³, travellers and passenger rights⁴, fuel uplift obligations under ReFuelEU Aviation⁵, Public Service Obligations (PSOs)⁶, and the use of alternative jet fuel sources. Specifically on passenger and traveller rights, the guidance recalls the strong protection granted under EU law, including concerning the rules on price transparency.
3. The Commission recognises the specific challenges faced by islands, where air connectivity is essential. The AccelerateEU Communication addresses the potential impact of fuel supply disruptions and sets out measures to preserve the proper functioning of the Single Market while safeguarding essential air connectivity across the EU, including island regions.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action_en.

² https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-publishes-guidance-support-eu-transport-sector-affected-middle-east-crisis-2026-05-08_en.

³ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1993/95/oj>.

⁴ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2004/261/oj>.

⁵ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/2023-10-31>.

⁶ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1008/oj>.