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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission takes note of the concerns linked to the consequences of the conflict in the Middle East, and would like to reassure the Honourable Member that the measures proposed in the AccelerateEU Communication¹ are aimed at alleviating the increased costs for citizens and vulnerable consumers triggered by the crisis situation, notably those most vulnerable, while upholding the energy transition, connectivity and access to energy and transport services.

2. In light of the current situation, the AccelerateEU Communication aims to support timely, targeted and temporary measures to protect European consumers. Therefore, the Commission issued on 8 May 2026 guidance on the flexibilities available under EU aviation legislation to ensure a coordinated response across Member States². Specifically on passenger and traveller rights, the guidance recalls strong protection under EU law, including the rules on price transparency. The aim is to safeguard the Single Market, protect passenger rights, and maintain essential air connectivity.

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.