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On 17 July 2026, the Commission adopted its proposal for the revision of the Directive on the EU Emissions Trading System<sup>1</sup> (ETS). It includes the extension of the ETS geographical scope to emissions from flights from airports in the European Economic Area (EEA) landing in third country airports located within 5,000 km of the largest aerodrome in the geographical centre of the EU. All parts of the proposal are based on a rigorous impact assessment<sup>2</sup> in line with rules in force for policy-making and legal drafting. The impact assessment was published on the same day as the legislative proposal. It includes impacts on airports, airlines and employment.

According to the above-mentioned assessment, the Commission's proposal is expected to cause a minor increase in plane ticket prices, while financing a strengthened support to decarbonise the sector and addressing a larger share of EU aviation's climate impact. The extension also helps mitigating the risk of shift to non-EEA hubs, which may be caused by a variety of factors, beyond climate policies like the ETS.

In its work, the Commission takes into account the input and feedback of a broad range of stakeholders. This includes Member States and competent authorities, industry associations, companies, civil society organisations (including non-governmental organisations), and other interested parties. A public consultation on the revision of the ETS Directive took place last year, providing all stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02003L0087-20240301>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/ES/TXT/?uri=SWD%3A2026%3A0616%3AFIN>.