



Let's end the €27 billion kerosene tax exemption in Europe!

Reducing the number of flights we take is one of the most important ways to **reduce our CO2 footprint**. But, unfortunately, flying is often cheaper than taking other transport such as the train, and even sometime the car. This is partly because **kerosene (aviation fuel) is exempt from tax** in the EU, while other fuel is not.

That's why we've launched a **European Citizens' Initiative** to end the aviation fuel tax exemption in Europe. If our petition collects at least **1 million signatures** within one year, the European Commission will be invited to propose the introduction of a kerosene tax to the EU member states governments, which is why we need to show the high support for a fairer and greener mobility in the EU by collecting even more than one million signatures.

CO2 emissions from the aviation sector in the EU have increased by 21% over the past three years, so reducing flights is an essential part of reducing emissions. A leaked European Commission report [revealed](#) that taxing aviation kerosene sold in Europe would cut aviation emissions by 11% (16.4 million tonnes of CO2) and would have no net impact on jobs or the economy, while raising almost **€27 billion in revenue** every year. We suggest using the tax revenue to **improve long-distance railways across Europe**, to make green transport options **more affordable and convenient**. We are also realistic about when alternatives are not available - we propose to keep **the tax exemption for flights to and from islands** that are not connected to the mainland by bridge or tunnel.

We do not want consumers to bear the costs, which is why we propose a fuel tax, which will incentivise airlines to reduce their kerosene consumption, instead of a VAT on airplane tickets. We also suggest the introduction of a **regressive tax**, meaning the shorter the flight, the higher the tax rate would be. This is because there are more transport alternatives available for short flights.

We count on you to **share the link to our petition** in your newsletters, on all social media platforms, to journalists and to your network!

We need you to reach the threshold of one million signatures!

Let's end the kerosene tax exemption now!

More information on: <https://www.endingaviationfueltaxexemption.eu/>

Direct link to the petition: <https://eci.ec.europa.eu/008/public/#/initiative>

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