

Dear EU,

If we are to tackle climate change, we must reduce the emissions from aviation, which are growing every year. It is the most intensive carbon emitter per passenger mile/km. We must do the following:

1. Place a sufficient carbon price on air travel to deter sizeable nos. of people from flying.
2. As a radical step, we could do a cap and share and severely restrict every citizens right to travel freely on a plane. This is more equitable but may be hard to administer. Eg every body could not travel by plane more than once a year (or once in two years etc.?)
3. Place an onerous carbon tax on internal air travel in countries (apart from very large countries where distances are great. We must encourage travellers to use more sustainable forms of transport, like rail.
4. Give tax breaks to companies to reduce business travel and help them fit out with video conferencing etc.
5. Build no more runways - full stop.
6. We must make international travel less glamorous, unless going on a bike (even TGV trains have a high carbon footprint).

We need radical measures if we are to bring down aviation emissions in a serious way and help save the planet from runaway climate change - be brave in your decision making and face down the vested interests!

Thanks & regards,

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