

**Subject:** Access to documents on the EU Parliament's diet and carbon footprint

Further to the application for public access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 relating to the European Parliament's diet and carbon footprint, the following falls within the scope of the application.

**1. How much meat do restaurants, canteens and cafeterias of the European Parliament (Brussels and Strasbourg - separately) consume/buy per year in the last 10 years?**

The data concerning the purchases of meat (both red and white) from 2009 to 2019 are available in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Purchases of meat in Brussels (in kg)</b>	<b>Purchases of meat in Strasbourg (in kg)</b>
2009	68.869	30.600
2010	76.945	31.273
2011	73.602	34.989
2012	91.125	33.541
2013	87.185	30.841
2014	69.128	27.905
2015	60.905	28.411
2016	65.088	31.106
2017	68.245	31.277
2018	67.584	32.194
2019	70.191	30.594

In Brussels, with the entry into force of the new concession contracts in August 2019, the catering providers started providing healthier meal offers and more vegetarian and vegan products. The menus are regularly adapted based on customers' needs and the overall trends.

**2. Which are the full plant-based diets offered in restaurants, canteens and cafeterias of the European Parliament (Brussels and Strasbourg - separately)?**

In Brussels:

Since August 2019, the catering companies have enlarged the use of vegetarian and vegan offers. Vegetables represent more than 56% of the food products bought and served by the catering providers in the Parliament.

) Since 2016, the organic food corner “Les Filles” is offering daily a large variety of vegetarian and vegan offers. Meals are homemade and are prepared with bio and local products.

) During normal periods, in the self-services restaurants, customers can always find in daily basis:

- An organic and vegan soup;
- A salad bar and vegetables bar with a clearly identified vegetarian and vegan choice with the possibility to add cereals, seeds, nuts etc;
- Vegetarian ramen;
- Vegetarian pasta;
- Vegetarian wok;
- Selection of cheeses and nuts / dried fruits;
- Once a week (Thursdays), a vegetarian daily dish.

#### In Strasbourg:

) There is always available a salad/vegetable corner.

) All soups are gluten-free, are prepared daily, and made of fresh and local products.

) In winter, the soup bar offers daily four choices, including a vegan option.

) Environmental certification is currently in process in Strasbourg within the framework of the harmonisation of the three places of work

Additionally, the Bureau of Parliament decided at its meeting on 15 March that catering providers should propose Vegan counters in the sales points. This is currently in progress in Brussels and in Strasbourg.

### **3. The European Parliament's latest tender call for catering for the period 2021-2027**

The latest call for tender procedures for a sustainable collective catering in the European Parliament covers the Luxembourg site that will have a new concession contract starting in 2020 until 2027.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the start of concession contract has however been delayed until 2021, therefore its duration will be moved until 2028.

The notice on the call for tender in Luxembourg was published in the Official Journal S n ° 20 of 29.1.2020 under the reference 2020 / S 020-043512 and is accessible via the hyperlink:

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=5831>

The call for tender procedure is a competitive one with negotiation, under the terms of the financial regulations of the European institutions. This procedure is relatively long and composed of four stages: applications, first offers, negotiations and final offers. The procedure is currently at the negotiation stage. For reasons of confidentiality and equal treatment, no information or additional document relating to the procedure in progress can be disclosed.

### **4. How many greenhouse gas emissions are attributable to food consumption of the Parliament staff in the institution's carbon footprint of 2019? and of the last 10 years?"**

The last call for tender procedure for the contracts awarded in 2019 included in the technical specifications several criteria concerning respect for the environmental aspects (i.e. use of local

products, increase of vegetables and vegan offers and reduction of meat) and the reduction of carbon imprints.

A similar approach will be followed for all the upcoming calls for tender procedures for the catering outlets in Parliament.

In 2019 - the latest year for which the calculation was completed - emissions from food supplies, used in the Parliament's catering operations, totalled 1926 t CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

A further 113 t CO<sub>2</sub>eq were emitted in production of catering supplies used (cups, cans, bottles, etc.).

The total GHG emissions related to Parliament's restaurants and catering operations in 2019 were 2039 t CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

For the past 10 years, the figures can be broken down as follows:

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Catering supplies (Cups, cans, bottles, etc)	288	299	326	315	257	206	180	225	176	113
Food supplies (food purchased by Restaurants)	3.138	3.150	3.604	3.865	3.076	2.685	1.730	1.848	1.927	1.926
Total Catering Emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> eq)	3.426	3.449	3.930	4.180	3.333	2.891	1.910	2.073	2.103	2.039

It is important to note that in the context of Parliament's continuously improving environmental management system, including its carbon footprint calculation, the calculation methodology, types and amounts of data collected, and emission factors can change slightly over the years.

This can lead to some differences in calculated emissions, and while these differences tend to be small, the data should not be directly compared across the years, especially in the case of two relatively distant years.

However, the table below provides a clear overview of the general trend, leading to a gradual reduction of emissions from the catering sector.

Annexes:

1. Avis de candidature
2. Dossier de candidature
3. Invitation à candidatures