

Flying and climate research

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Introduction

Based on the working paper of Tydall Centre (Le Quere et al., 2015)

'It can seem a bit disingenuous that people who are trying to understand and protect the planet will engage in such a high-carbon activity as aviation, but what is to be done?'

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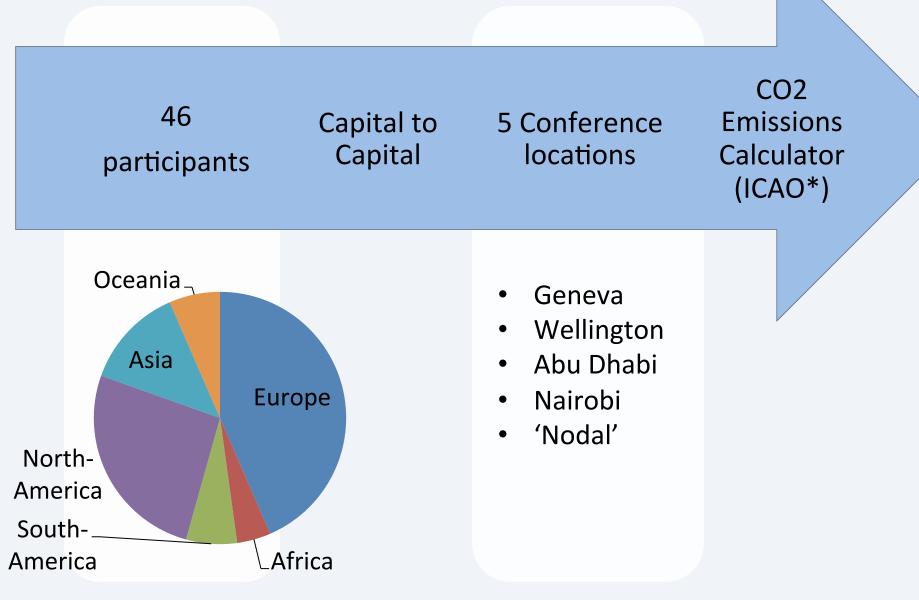
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Motivations of scientists:

- Visiting other places of the world
- Quicker way to destination
- Cheaper than other options
- Only possible way of reaching the destination
- Maintaining and developing network and relationships
- Career progression

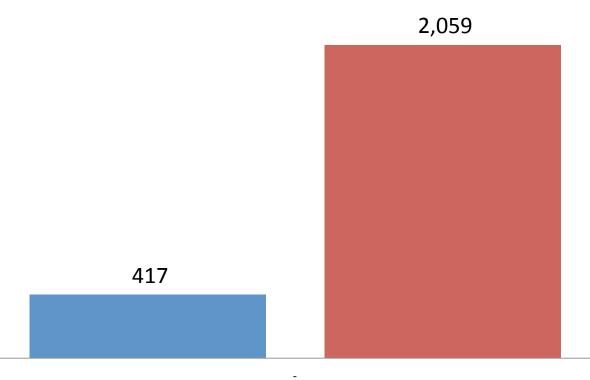
Possible reduction actions:

- Changing expectations on frequency of conferences
- Provision of high quality communication tools and high quality conference facilities locally by the institutions
- Flexible work schedules to enable longer travel times by land
- Maximizing benefits of longer travels by attending more than one workshop/conference
- Institutions agree on higher costs and time expenses for travel



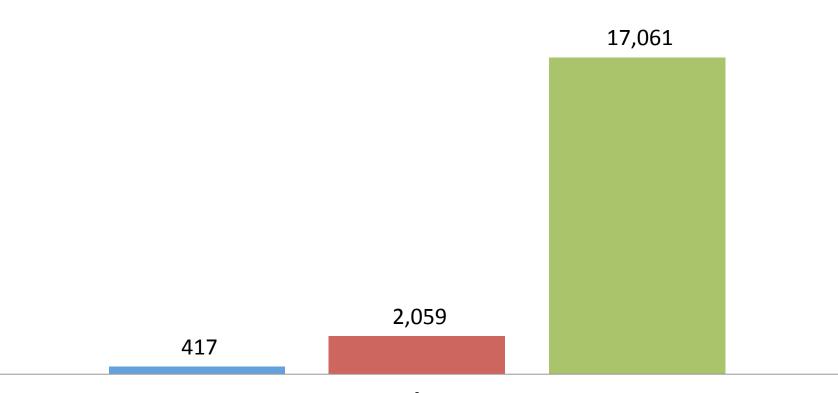
Carbon emissions (kg CO2eq.) to get to Geneva

■ By train through Europe ■ By plane through Europe



Carbon emissions (kg CO2eq.) to get to Geneva

Europe by train
Europe by plane
Outside Europe by plane



Emissions (kg CO2eq.) for 5 conference locations

