

**Question for written answer E-007451/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Smart parking

Many of Europe's cities suffer from major air and noise pollution and traffic congestion problems. Every year, some 1% of EU GDP is lost as a result of congestion. In an attempt to find a solution to the problems of urban parking, congestion and pollution, a number of smart parking systems are currently on trial.

1. With a view to making cities more sustainable and fostering the emergence of innovative urban mobility schemes, what degree of priority will the Commission be giving to the development of smart parking systems in the EU?
2. With a view to developing systems of this kind and encouraging their spread among Europe's cities, does the Commission intend to combine the various forms of support available under instruments such as the 'Smart Cities and Communities' European Innovation Partnership, Horizon 2020 programme calls for proposals, the Future Internet Public-Private Partnership, the 'Urban Europe - Global urban challenges, joint European solutions' Joint Planning Initiative, the Concerto initiative and the Structural Funds?
3. What support will the EU be providing for the development of European technologies in this area (sensors, smartphone applications, telephone payment systems)?