

**Question for written answer E-009553/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Safety for cyclists - improvements to cycling infrastructure

At the Transport, Health and Environment meeting of the World Health Organization in 2009, the EU Member States committed themselves to a series of 'priority goals', which included a commitment to 'promote policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport by designing and modernizing urban areas and human settlements to improve the conditions for safe and physically active mobility, including infrastructure for walking and cycling'.

The EU's Seventh Framework Programme for research and technological development continues to fund a limited number of projects designed to harmonise measurement methods for skid resistance, noise emission and rolling resistance of road pavements. However, despite the EU's clear commitment to protecting vulnerable road users, there has been no work focused specifically on the European standardisation of road surfaces and infrastructure provisions for cyclists' safety. Initiatives designed to improve cycling infrastructure are predominately taken at local level.

1. Given that local authorities show such an interest in cyclists' safety, does the Commission plan to take any further action at EU level over and above the existing funding schemes in order to facilitate widespread improvements to cycling infrastructure?
2. Does it intend to provide any technical guidance regarding the development of soft traffic infrastructures to help ensure an effective and harmonised approach?