

**Question for written answer E-011064/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Increasing road traffic safety on the internal EU market

Every year, 12 million new private and commercial vehicles are registered in the EU. The number of vehicles regularly used for international road transport is also growing. In the case of these transport vehicles in particular, windscreens are becoming increasingly cluttered with the most varied mandatory motorway stickers, vignettes, environmental badges, coupons, parking permits, on-board toll units and other markings and devices. The main reason for this is the lack of a coordinated approach by the Member States, which require operators to affix different markings and devices to their windscreens, and these are issued according to different systems. The mandatory items steadily accumulate, and this significantly restricts the driver's view from the vehicle. The result of this is a direct risk both to the driver himself and to other road users. The only rule enforced in EU Member States in this regard is the obligation to remove any markings which are not currently valid, on the basis of the type-approval guidelines for the relevant category of vehicle. However, this does not solve the above problem. In view of the priorities and targets which the Commission has set in the field of road traffic safety until the year 2020:

What solutions is the Commission proposing to this problem, in order to achieve better coordination between Member States and the progressive unification of these markings and devices, which would contribute towards the creation of a safe internal EU market in the field of road transport?