

**Question for written answer E-001094/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Citizen's proposal to save fuel and reduce emissions

One of my constituents proposes to reduce urban pollution in the EU by saving fuel through regulations requiring petrol stations to inform their customers about techniques for efficient driving. He estimates that by putting such techniques into practice savings of between 15 % and 20 % could be made on fuel and emissions.

His proposal consists of putting up posters on fuel pumps, in zones where tyres are topped up with air and at the entrance to petrol station shops, among other places, with advice on both active and passive reduction of fuel consumption. This advice would include measures such as changing up to higher gears as soon as possible, turning off the engine when stopped for more than a minute and ensuring tyres are properly inflated. The posters could also make clear how much fuel each of these techniques would save.

This would be an economic measure of particular importance in countries like Spain where, although our dependence on energy from abroad amounts to 75 %, only 0.5 % of the population have apparently ever taken a driving efficiency course.

Has the Commission developed, or does it intend to develop, any concrete initiatives, such as the one proposed by my constituent, to improve pollution levels and our energy balance in the EU?