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Subject: Working environment for lorry drivers on European roads

Lorry drivers have a right to the same high level of protection and safety in their workplace as any other worker. The situation for lorry drivers is peculiar, however, in that they do not have a specific, physical workplace, their workplace instead being the European road network. This makes it particularly necessary for there to be common European solutions in order to ensure a secure and safe working environment on the European road network. In view of this, several measures have been taken at both European and national level to ensure a safe working environment with a high level of protection for individual drivers.

Threats to a safe working environment for drivers on European roads are constantly evolving, however, and the latest development is that illegal migrants are sneaking onto lorries as stowaways to be transported through Europe.

Can the Commission state, from a working environment perspective, what measures it will take to counter the new threats to safety for drivers operating on the European road network in order to ensure that lorry drivers have the same degree of protection in their workplace as all other European workers?