

Question for written answer E-006099/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Need for 'truly European regulation' at EU level

Anyone intending to make a long journey by car in Europe needs to obtain prior information about very diverse traffic regulations, such as speed limits, compulsory vignettes, toll charges, carriage requirements and other provisions, in the countries he is travelling to or through. On Austrian roads, for example, warning jackets, warning triangles and a first-aid kit are mandatory equipment in vehicles. But when you cross a frontier, different rules may apply which you must ensure you comply with, or else you face sometime very high penalties. For example, in France you pay a EUR 75 fine if your music is too loud in a car; in Italy your vehicle can be impounded if you are over the 0.5% limit; and in Spain you should turn off your mobile phone and radio while filling up.

In the light of these very diverse traffic regulations and carriage requirements in Europe can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission have plans to standardise the traffic regulations and carriage requirements within the EU?
2. If so, does it already have a proposal along these lines?

If not, is there a chance that we might have uniform traffic regulations for Europe in the future?