

Question for written answer E-006794/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Exchange of information concerning enforcement of surcharges for non-payment in a paid parking zone

A directive currently applies in the EU on facilitating cross-border exchange of information on road-safety-related traffic offences, the aim of which is to enforce fines where offences are committed with a vehicle registered in a Member State other than the one in which the offence takes place. Unfortunately, the information exchange system does not include surcharges (Article 13f of the Public Roads Act) levied for failure to pay parking fees for vehicles in a paid parking zone because it is not a crime or a road-safety offence. Both the parking fee and the surcharge are public-law levies.

In connection with unpaid surcharges, in Szczecin alone, for example, the total debt owed by motorists to the Szczecin paid parking zone operator is about PLN 5 million. A large portion of this sum comprises surcharges levied on vehicles registered in other Member States.

Does the Commission intend to investigate the possibility of facilitating cross-border enforcement of surcharges for non-payment in a paid parking zone?