

**Question for written answer E-000385/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Vulnerable road users - use of cycle helmets

In Denmark more and more cyclists are wearing helmets. For vulnerable road users, which cyclists are, wearing a helmet makes a real difference.

A Danish study has shown that wearing a helmet whilst cycling cuts the risk of sustaining moderate to serious head injuries in an accident by 63%.

A Swedish study has shown that 25% fewer cyclists would be killed in accidents if they all wore a cycle helmet. The statistics speak for themselves, but the use of cycle helmets varies widely from country to country.

Does the Commission agree that the use of cycle helmets is crucial for cyclists' safety?

What is the Commission doing – bearing in mind that the Member States are responsible for taking decisions in this area – to promote the wearing of cycle helmets?

Looking to the future, is the Commission going to do anything – once again bearing in mind that decision-making in this area is a matter for the Member States – to encourage more cyclists in Europe to wear helmets?