

**Question for written answer E-000577/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Tests on animals and humans in the automotive sector

Last week, the car manufacturers Volkswagen, BMW and Daimler were publicly denounced for using humans and animals for testing the effects of emissions from their cars.

The tests were carried out between 2007 and 2014 by the Lovelace Biomedical laboratory in Albuquerque and the European Research Association for the Environment and Health in the Transport Sector (EuGT). The Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) also admits having carried out tests in which 12 people aged between 19 and 26 were exposed to NO₂ gas.

This type of practice is governed by European legislation such as the CETS 123 Convention, Decision 90/67/EEC, Directive 86/609/EEC and Recommendation 2007/526/EC. Countries such as Spain have banned experiments with great apes.

- 1) Has the Commission received any information or data on the effect of emissions in humans and animals as a result of bilateral meetings with the group of manufacturers concerned?
- 2) Does the Commission consider that these tests were carried out in accordance with the regulations of the Council of Europe and the European Union, including the new counting methodology required by the European Union?
- 3) What can the Commission do and what does it intend to do to investigate this matter?