

**Question for written answer P-006419/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Technology to help tackle drink driving

Recent proposals on improving EU vehicle safety standards are very welcome. However, much more should be done to tackle driving under the influence of alcohol, which is still responsible for a high number of fatal traffic accidents in Europe. At least 25 % of such accidents are linked to the consumption of alcohol.

In this context, the use of alcohol interlocks requiring drivers to breathe into a device before being permitted to operate a vehicle may provide a solution. Unlike in the USA and Canada, in the EU the use of such devices in vehicles has been adopted in only a small number of Member States.

Although in its recent communication on the proposed general safety regulation (COM(2018)0286) the Commission is arguing for compulsory alcohol interlock devices to be installed in some vehicles, Member States remain generally sceptical of this development.

Could the Commission therefore please comment on:

1. Whether it intends to examine this issue further by undertaking a new study on the use of alcohol interlock technology in the EU?
2. How it might in any event promote the exchange of best practices among Member States on the use of such devices?