The Commission presented a new approach to road safety in its ‘Europe on the Move’ package in May 2018. However, progress in reducing road deaths has reached a standstill in recent years and is unlikely to reach the current EU medium-term objective of halving the number of deaths between 2010 and 2020.

In 2018, 25 100 people lost their lives on the road in the EU and 135 000 were seriously injured, of whom more than 2 000 were cyclists. Recent data on the causes of road accident have revealed that there are still significant differences in the Member States, including accidents resulting in injuries or death of pedestrians or cyclists.

The road safety parameters examined have shown that cyclists are still a growing group, with different needs than other road users, mainly because of their vulnerability.

In the light of the above initiatives, does the Commission plan to make non-binding recommendations to Member States on how to reduce the number of accidents involving cyclists, including by recommending a specific minimum distance value for overtaking them in a motor vehicle?

The CARE database has been missing data for Slovakia since 2010, and each Member State is responsible for providing this data to the Commission. Has the Commission already approached Slovakia with a request for the full data? Does the Commission have other data on accidents involving cyclists?