

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2834/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Road safety for pedestrians and cyclists: directive designed to make cars safer

Every year more than 42 500 people are killed or injured on the roads of the European Union, including 9 300 pedestrians and cyclists.

In March the Commission announced six new priorities aimed at improving road safety. One of the priorities involves introducing a directive designed to make cars safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

On 27 June 2000 the Transport Council also called on the Commission to submit, as soon as possible, a proposal for legislation guaranteeing the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

- It is estimated that in the Netherlands alone 41 lives could be saved every year (and 2 175 in the EU as a whole) if the directive for a safe design of the fronts of cars enters into force.
- Can the Commission say when this extremely important proposal will eventually be tabled?
- Is the Commission aware that this directive will only be effective if all four proposed 'collision tests' are applied simultaneously and are made obligatory in all EU Member States?