

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0830/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Fines for road traffic offences in the European Union

Is the Commission aware that Belgium imposes different fines on non-Belgians from those it imposes on Belgian nationals for the same road traffic offences?

Is it aware that non-Belgians who receive a fine in Belgium must pay it on the spot, whereas Belgians do not have to do so?

Is it aware that a verdict was delivered at the Maaseik police court (M20002686sassenanna) that acknowledges such discrimination?

Does it know whether similar discrimination occurs in other EU Member States?

Is such discrimination based on nationality compatible with European and international law?

If not, what steps is the Commission planning to take to put an end to it?