

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3546/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Using intelligent speed adaptation in road vehicles

Every year, 40 000 people are killed and 1 700 000 injured on Europe's roads. In order to improve road safety in Europe, the European Commission proposes greater use of information and communication technologies. Innovations in terms of the burgeoning technical possibilities in this area are still, however, largely focused on drivers and passengers.

Intelligent speed adaptation (ISA) is not among the Commission's proposals. ISA prevents drivers from driving faster than the permitted maximum speed. According to a study by the European Transport Safety Council, this technology guarantees better protection not only for vehicle occupants but also for vulnerable road users, namely pedestrians and cyclists.

Does the Commission intend to promote and endorse ISA at European level? If not, what measures is the Commission taking to improve the safety of vulnerable road users?