

**Question for written answer E-011211/2012  
to the Commission  
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Subject: Standardisation of electric vehicles

The use of electric vehicles has a number of major advantages in terms of sustainable mobility, including reduced carbon dioxide emissions, improved air quality and lesser dependence on imported fossil fuels, not to mention the fact that such vehicles are more efficient than other transport technologies.

Given that the EU's international competitors are investing in research and development for new low-carbon technologies and launching programmes for a move towards ecological road transport, what measures are being envisaged by the Commission for the adoption of appropriate standard EU framework provisions for promotion of the innovative technologies, research and infrastructural development necessary to underpin the transition towards a resource-efficient and low carbon economy?

Can the Commission also say what progress has been made regarding plans to create a fast recharge network for electric vehicles in Europe and the adoption of common technical and safety standards applicable in this respect?