

**Question for written answer E-005271/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Recast of Council framework decision

The recently implemented new Directive 2011/82/EU facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences will ensure that the investigation of traffic offences also applies to non-resident drivers. This new instrument fills an important gap in the enforcement chain, enabling the exchange of information between police and enforcement authorities so as to achieve full compliance with traffic law and improve road safety.

Council Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties represents the final element in the enforcement chain for road safety related traffic offences.

Although both texts complement one another and aim to put an end to impunity on EU roads, further steps need to be taken in order to have a workable system that provides a real deterrent to non-resident drivers. Unfortunately the current text of the decision has a significant number of shortcomings, and it should also be adapted to the new provisions of the Lisbon Treaty. Furthermore, this could be a new opportunity to better link both pieces of legislation and enlarge the scope to include civil and administrative offences, which are the typical procedure used in some Member States for the prosecution of road traffic offences.

The Commission started to prepare a recast of the decision in 2012 but has not yet come up with a proposal.

1. When will the Commission commence its planned modification of Council Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA?
2. How will it ensure that the final steps in the enforcement chain are carried through and help to improve road safety?
3. Will it consider the possibility of including civil/administrative offences in this important final part of the enforcement chain?