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to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: Unified EU system for issuing tickets for violations of road regulations

In the EU, we have a single market where we can cross borders freely, businesses can operate across borders without paying customs duties and so on. However, I would like to draw the Commission’s attention to a problem. Let us assume that an EU citizen likes to travel abroad frequently by car. Every country has its own road regulations, which must not be violated no matter what nationality you are. If you violate them, you would normally get a ticket and must pay it. However, what if the ticket is in a language you do not understand and does not explain where or into which account you can pay it? This creates an ambiguous situation in which even an honest citizen cannot pay for the offence.

Has the Commission ever considered that there should be a unified system when it comes to issuing tickets for violating road regulations in the EU, so that tickets must also be issued in English and the account into which the fine is payable must be indicated?

If we live in a Union with a single market, should it not be necessary for us to introduce a unified system that is understandable for everyone and that makes the lives of our citizens easier?

Does the Commission see a way of improving this across the Union?