

Question for written answer E-002433/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Single database for collecting traffic fines

The collection of traffic and parking fines from foreign nationals remains a major problem for Member States. Traffic fines most often remain unpaid due to the lack of harmonisation of legislative regulations, while collecting parking fines is often problematic for utility companies and concessionaires due to the lack of available data. Some Member States are trying to solve the problem of collecting traffic fines through more thorough border controls, creating additional congestion and reducing mobility. Utility companies and dealers are forced to hire law firms and notary offices in their own countries and countries and to buy information about offenders, which ultimately results in an enormous increase in the penalty for the offender.

Could the Commission say whether it is working to introduce a single database and to harmonise the laws of the Member States, with a view to simplifying the billing process to the mutual benefit of the offender and the claimant?