

**Question for written answer E-002877/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Health risks posed by LEDs

In mid-June 2018, the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging risks (SCHEER) published a scientific assessment of the potential health risks posed by LEDs. This opinion was requested by the Commission.

SCHEER pointed out, *inter alia*, that there is a lack of knowledge about the population's current exposure to such light and that this knowledge is necessary to assess the health risk. SCHEER recommends that there should be an intensive monitoring of the long-term effects of the use of LEDs and an investigation into whether bright LED vehicle headlamps cause more accidents. In addition, the European standard EN 62471, which assesses the safety of lighting products, does not take into account vulnerable groups such as children. SCHEER recommends that this should be amended accordingly¹.

Has the Commission taken action following the SCHEER report, and has it proposed further investigations?

¹ Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging risks: Opinion on potential risks on human health of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), adopted on 5/6 June 2018.