

**Question for written answer E-003799/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Preventing accidents involving pedestrians on roads and motorways

On 11 November 2019, the Council adopted a text that will update the existing General Safety Regulation (EC) No 661/2009, Pedestrian Safety Regulation (EC) No 78/2009 and Hydrogen Safety Regulation (EC) No 79/2009. The text will specify the safety equipment to be used in new vehicles to improve safety conditions and protect the most vulnerable road users. It marks a major step forward in terms of the regulations it repeals, yet it fails to mention the installation of devices to replace the warning triangles that motorists currently use to alert other road users that an accident or breakdown has taken place. In Spain alone, 170 people were killed last year in accidents which occurred once the driver had stepped out of the vehicle to place a warning triangle on the roadside. Nowadays, this risk can be avoided through the installation of specific flashing signals in vehicles which are to be used in the event of an accident or breakdown.

1. Does the Commission possess any EU-level data on accidents that have occurred under these circumstances?
2. Is the Commission aware of the rules that are being developed in some Member States to prevent accidents involving pedestrians on roads and motorways?
3. Could the Commission consider including this precaution among the safety measures referred to in the regulation adopted by the Council?