

**Question for written answer E-004873/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Promoting distance learning during the periodic training of HGV drivers

Directive (EU) 2018/645 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 April 2018 proposes introducing distance learning for drivers during their periodic training. The main objective of this measure is to make it easier for holders of certificates of professional competence (CPC) to access courses and therefore update their driving knowledge 'with specific emphasis on road safety, health and safety at work, and the reduction of the environmental impact of driving'. The aim is also to promote periodic training procedures that are mutually recognised and comparable in all Member States and which take into account the regulatory and technological developments that are affecting a sector undergoing a process of digitalisation key to its future.

1. Does the Commission have any data from countries that have introduced these distance learning schemes and the number of hours of training allocated by each country?
2. Are any European programmes planned to promote distance learning in this sector and that will support this method of training through financial and technical resources and/or the preparation of relevant content?