

**Question for written answer E-006071/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Harmonisation of the minimum driving age at 18, initial qualification and periodic training of drivers in all Member States

The EU is facing a professional drivers crisis, and especially a lack of young drivers. Statistics show that only 5 % of professional drivers are under 30 years old. Statistics also show that there is no link between accidents and the age of drivers and that road safety depends on the level of professional training.

There are different minimum age rules for category C and C+E licences in the EU.

Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers provides that 18 is the minimum age at which a driver can drive a vehicle in licence categories C and C+E.

Harmonising the minimum driving age at 18 in all Member States would reduce the shortage of drivers and lead to fair competition between transport companies.

What does the Commission intend to do in order to ensure the harmonisation of this rule in all the Member States?