

**Question for written answer E-002797/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Risk management regarding the use of electric vehicles

Electrical safety hazards for workers are addressed by national legislative framework provisions, such as the Belgian General Regulations for Electrical Installations (AREI) for example. However, these laws are often very broad in scope and are therefore not specific enough with regard to workers utilising electric vehicles.

A number of European countries are attempting to introduce national standards to address this particular issue, such as Standard NBN R 03-001:2020 in Belgium¹. With the launching of EU initiatives such as the European Battery Alliance and given the aim of promoting the transition to electric vehicles, it would clearly be desirable to resolve the matter at EU level in order to avoid fragmentation. Accordingly, I have the following questions:

1. Does the Commission believe that problems are arising from conflicting national legislation on risk management with regard to the use of electric vehicles?
2. If so, is this affecting the mobility of technical specialists in the EU?
3. Does the Commission consider it appropriate to introduce a European standard in this field, developed by CEN (European Committee for Standardisation)?

¹ <https://www.nbn.be/shop/nl/norm/prnbn-r-03-001-2020~567766/>