Question for written answer E-004017/2021 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Bicycle areas on ferries

On 29 April 2021, Parliament adopted a new regulation on rail passengers' rights and obligations. It includes a requirement for all trains to have designated bicycle areas.

As regards travel by sea or inland waterway, however, there are currently no rules governing the transport of bicycles on vessels. Given the size of these vessels, introducing legislation that brings about the introduction of dedicated bicycle areas would seem only natural and would boost the intermodality of the European transport network.

With greener and more sustainable mobility in mind, does the Commission intend to:

- 1. Put forward a revision of Regulation (EU) No 1177/2010 concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway, which would harmonise the rules on designated bicycle areas in maritime transport across Europe?
- 2. Set out a European strategy for bicycles, which would include such a provision?