

**Question for written answer E-004436/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Driver shortage in the European Union and measures to support driver training

Road haulage is the motive force of Europe's economy and could not function without properly-trained drivers. Yet many Member States are experiencing a shortage of drivers, and the medium-term prognosis is similarly alarming. Transport of goods by road is set to increase steadily in the coming years, as opposed to the number of people choosing to train as lorry drivers, which is displaying a steady downward trend. Member State governments, stakeholder organisations and haulage companies are introducing a series of measures to make the profession of lorry driver more attractive for people starting their careers or looking to retrain. The European Commission should support the efforts of the Member States.

1. What action is the Commission taking, in addition to the Member States' efforts, to rectify the current haulage driver shortage?
2. What support can the Commission give the Member States in this area in the medium and long term?
3. What EU-level support measures and programmes are available to the Member States in this area which will make the profession more attractive to young people and other individuals starting their careers or looking to retrain?