

**Question for written answer E-004522/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Repercussions in the EU of the British plan for 'rapid' training of professional road transport drivers

For weeks now the United Kingdom has been suffering a serious crisis affecting supply of goods and basic essentials such as fuel. This has its origins in Brexit and in the shortage of professional road transport drivers. Both circumstances have hit supply chains. The UK Government has launched an action plan to fund crash training courses for 4 000 people so they can gain their qualification in 12 weeks. It has also announced temporary three-month visas for EU hauliers who want to work in the United Kingdom, to try to mitigate the impact this situation will have on sales campaigns for the forthcoming Christmas festivities. It is estimated that the United Kingdom currently needs a further 90 000 lorry drivers to cover the needs of road transport companies.

1. Does the Commission believe this plan by the UK Government could affect the already tricky situation on the EU's professional road transport labour market?
2. What type of recognition are professional qualifications obtained through this 'speeded-up' process likely to have in the EU?