

**Question for written answer E-004604/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Common charger

The EU intends to introduce standardised charging cables and make the USB-C connector mandatory from 2024, thus reducing the amount of electronic waste¹².

1. How will the Commission prevent EU citizens from obtaining charging cables with other plugs from non-EU countries?
2. How will the Commission address the problem of different standards for wireless chargers?
3. How will the Commission tackle the increased volume of electronic waste if old chargers have to be thrown away?

¹ <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000128892620/eu-nimmt-neuen-anlauf-fuer-einheitliche-ladekabel>

² <https://www.tagesschau.de/wirtschaft/eu-ladekabel-101.html>