

**Question for written answer E-005177/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: New road financing system in Spain

A document approving the operational arrangements of Spain's Recovery Plan has recently been made available. Among other measures, the document outlines a new financing mechanism for the conservation and maintenance of road infrastructures and for the internalisation of external costs. The document mentions "*a financing system for the conservation and maintenance of public infrastructures which internalises environmental costs*", but no further details are provided despite it being a reform with major implications for both citizens and drivers, especially at a time of rising prices across the board.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission know which types of infrastructure will be hit by these charges and external costs?
2. Has the Spanish Government specified to the Commission which vehicles these charges would apply to and how much would be charged?
3. What discounts could be applied to regular users living in surrounding areas, especially in regions affected by depopulation?