

**Question for written answer E-001413/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Efficiency of electric vehicles and harm to the environment and people from the production process

We are aware of the benefits of using electric vehicles, and these have been highlighted: lower charging, maintenance and repair costs, reduction of fine particulate matter and noise pollution, and supposedly more convenient use in urban environments.

However, before such a vehicle can be used, it needs a number of natural resources, most of which are not extracted in the European Union.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission have data regarding the sources of such natural resources, in particular lithium, nickel, manganese and cobalt, used by EU Member States that make electric vehicles?
2. Is the Commission aware of studies that look at how these natural resources are extracted: what are the conditions like, are the workers in these mines exposed to the risk of poisoning and is there any child labour in the mines?
3. Does the Commission intend to carry out an assessment of the environmental impact of the production of electric vehicles?