

**Question for written answer E-002286/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in the number of drivers in the European Union from non-EU countries

There have been some worrying developments recently in the road haulage sector, and particularly the huge rise in the number of drivers in the EU who come from non-EU countries. In eight years, the total number of driver certificates has quintupled, rising from 44 316 certificates in 2012 to no less than 228 054 certificates in 2020. This trend could be explained by operators wishing to keep their labour costs as low as possible.

In view of this:

1. Why did the Commission fail to amend the relevant articles (Articles 5 and 6) of Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 when it proposed its mobility package, seeing how as the worrying rise in attestations for drivers from non-EU countries was already evident?
2. Will it assess these recent trends and propose additional measures, such as the introduction of a ceiling restricting the number of attestations for non-EU drivers that can be issued in a Member State to no more than 3 % pro rata to the number of national road haulage drivers?
3. Has it verified that all enterprises and all Member States are complying with the provisions in Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 that state that the competent authorities in each Member States shall carry out checks every year that cover at least 20 % of the valid driver attestations issued in that Member State?