

**Question for written answer E-003568/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Concern about the sale of disposable e-cigarettes

In the last few years, a new type of disposable e-cigarette has become available throughout Europe. This single-use product, which appeared on the French market in 2020, is a serious source of pollution and an environmental disaster.

These disposable cigarettes contain metal components, lithium batteries and integrated circuits. A variety of metals can be found inside those circuits, including metal oxides, cobalt and copper. All of these substances must be recycled cautiously, as they are highly pollutant. Unfortunately, on most occasions these cigarettes are not disposed of in a way that allows them to be properly recycled.

Furthermore, according to a survey published by the *Alliance contre le tabac* (a French anti-tobacco group), 13% of young people between 13 and 16 years of age have already used these e-cigarettes<sup>1</sup>. By targeting young people using sweet flavours, tobacco companies are specifically setting their sights on very young minors.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation? If so, what are its plans to combat this issue and its harmful environmental impact?
2. Does the Commission intend to take steps to address the damage these e-cigarettes are causing to public health, and in particular to the health of young people in Europe?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://alliancecontreletabac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CP-ACT\\_Les-jeunes-et-la-puff.pdf](https://alliancecontreletabac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CP-ACT_Les-jeunes-et-la-puff.pdf)