

**Question for written answer E-003707/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: EV charging stations

When looking at the Commission's proposed strategy for moving towards electric vehicles (heavy goods vehicles included), one naturally has to ask where we are at with infrastructure, such as EV charging stations. There is also the question of how the Commission plans to protect EU manufacturers and the production of charging stations in the EU accordingly. The US Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, could serve as an example here. This infrastructure package establishes rules for the renewal of the power grid, among other things, and specifies that funds can only be obtained by companies manufacturing charging stations in the US.

1. Is there a programme similar to the IIJA to promote the production of EV charging stations in the EU and could it also be used to promote the installation of charging infrastructure in the EU?
2. In the Commission's view, would it be reasonable to classify charging stations as 'critical infrastructure', given that their installation in the EU is essential to the success of the Green Deal?
3. Could the classification of charging stations as 'critical infrastructure' in the EU be used as grounds to provide subsidies, and what will the Commission do to keep the production of charging stations inside the EU?

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