

**Question for written answer E-000537/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Electric car infrastructure – a lack of realism amid the enthusiasm for legislation

EU legislation already adopted or still at the proposal stage charts the steps for the switch-over from internal combustion engines to electric motors: an end to sales of new petrol and diesel cars in 2035 with, as an intermediate step, the halving of CO² emissions from cars by 2030.

The European Parliament adopted a regulation to that effect in 14 February 2023, while the same day the Commission issued a proposal to reduce emissions from heavy duty vehicles by 90 % by 2040, noting that, from 2030, there would be a requirement, in EU countries, to only purchase zero-emission buses.

Those deadlines are unrealistic, given that the car industry will be unable to make the switch-over so quickly, and given the state of play with electric car infrastructure in the EU.

1. Did the Commission take into account the impact of the energy crisis triggered by the war in the EU's near neighbourhood in its estimates for the steps in this switch-over?
2. What action will the Commission take to enable the conversion of Europe's car fleet to electric power at the pace set in the legislation already adopted or in the process of being adopted?

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