

**Question for written answer E-000658/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Noise pollution action plan

According to data published by the European Environment Agency, more than 100 million people in Europe are exposed to harmful levels of environmental noise pollution. Road traffic noise is a particular public health concern in many places, and it is estimated that long-term exposure to environmental noise contributes to 48 000 new cases of heart disease and 12 000 premature deaths in Europe each year. In addition, 22 million people are already facing a chronic nuisance, while 6.5 million suffer from chronic sleep disturbances. Given that noise exposure levels exceed World Health Organization recommendations:

1. On the basis of this scientific evidence, how does the Commission plan to reduce the causes of noise pollution?
2. Has it already set future targets and recommendations for the Member States to reduce noise and its health effects?
3. How is it assessing, and how will it monitor, the health risks related to environmental noise exposure in Europe?

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