

**Question for written answer E-002258/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Low-emission zones and eco-stickers in the EU

Millions of Europeans will again take to the road in the European Union this summer. They have the right to move and reside freely within the EU. While the free movement of persons guarantees the general right to free travel, certain European Member States or cities apply specific rules.

Many cities in Member States have low-emission zones, where only vehicles that have a valid environmental vignette or eco-sticker or that have been registered may be driven. The laudable aim is to improve the quality of life and air quality in these low-emission zones. However, as a result of these requirements, citizens – in particular people travelling on holiday, spontaneous occasional travellers or retired day travellers – may face high fines for unknowingly failing to acquire all the necessary stickers in the various Member States. The purpose of the low-emission zones must not be to generate revenue in the holiday period but rather to protect the environment.

1. Does the Commission agree that the requirements of the various Member States as regards low-emission zones and eco-stickers hamper the freedom of movement of persons in the EU?
2. Is the Commission willing to take steps during this mandate with the aim of establishing a common European approach to the issue, for example through a universal EU eco-sticker or mutual recognition of eco-stickers?

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