

Question for written answer E-002345/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection measures for delivery workers

Demand for delivery services in the food and courier sectors has risen sharply in recent years, creating jobs for a host of workers who are at constant risk of road accidents¹ because they usually drive/ride two-wheeled vehicles in difficult conditions, often braving extreme weather or heavy traffic. According to a recent statement by the vice-president of the Association of Self-employed Delivery Workers of Thessaloniki, in this city alone there have recently been 61 deaths². Furthermore, the exceptionally high temperatures this summer led the Union of Working Consumers of Greece to urge against goods being ordered or transported for the duration of the heatwave and called for workers' pay not to be cut as a result. Meanwhile, a compulsory working break from 12.00 to 17.00 was introduced in Greece for areas where workers are at high risk of heat stress³⁴.

In view of the 'Vision Zero' approach that was adopted as part of the 2021-2027 strategic framework on health and safety at work to reduce work-related deaths within the EU:

1. What information does the Commission have on the extent of the problem across EU Member States?
2. What steps will it take to tackle the problem through legal means and to protect delivery workers across the EU?

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¹ <https://www.cnn.gr/ellada/story/367948/tragodia-sti-lamia-nekros-19xronos-dianomeas-meta-apo-troxaio> , <https://kriti360.gr/dyo-akomi-nekroi-stin-asfalto-skotothike-dianomeas-i-ch-quot-karfothike-quot-se-mantra-eikones/>

² <https://www.newsbomb.gr/ellada/story/1442224/thessaloniki-pos-egine-to-frixto-thanatiforo-troxaio-stin-tsimiski-motoporeia-dianomeon>

³ <https://www.ertnews.gr/eidiseis/ellada/eeke-stiriksi-ton-dianomeon-stis-synthikes-tou-kaysona/>

⁴ <https://www.makthes.gr/telos-sta-delivery-logo-kaysona-655404>