

**Question for written answer E-002590/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Further harmonisation and interoperability following the universal charger

The European agreement paving the way for a universal charger in the Union was groundbreaking. Good news in terms of waste reduction and a positive development for consumers. Nevertheless, there are still many products where further harmonisation is possible if we are to increase interoperability, such as battery systems for tools of an array of brands, cameras and photographic devices, and ink and laser printer cartridges.

1. Does the Commission envisage greater harmonisation and interoperability of these different types of product in the Union?
2. Following on from the universal charger, are there other products for which the Commission intends to propose a harmonised model? If so, for which products does the Commission see this as a priority?

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