

**Question for written answer E-003124/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Proposal COM(2023)0088 on strengthening the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles

The Commission has put forward a proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles (COM(2023)0088). To achieve the climate neutrality objective by 2050, CO<sub>2</sub> emission targets for the types of lorries that are already being regulated would be strengthened and the regulation's scope would be expanded to include trailers, urban buses, coaches and other types of lorries<sup>1</sup>.

1. How does the Commission justify the call for a rapid and complete decarbonisation of urban and regional buses, regardless of the cost, given that, in financial terms, it would hinder the expansion of public transport and, in turn, adversely affect the most efficient form of non-rail passenger transport?
2. How does the Commission justify proposal COM(2023)0088 in light of the fact that the EU Emissions Trading System for the building and road transport sectors (EU ETS 2), which has already been adopted, provides a much more effective alternative for regulating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that also restricts market participants' decision-taking freedom to a lesser extent?
3. How does the Commission justify its fixation on solely regulating exhaust emissions, with no real focus on improving the well-to-wheel climate performance of vehicles?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?DTA=2023&SUBDOM\\_INIT=PRE\\_ACTS&DB\\_TYPE\\_OF\\_ACT=com&DTS\\_SUBDOM=PRE\\_ACTS&typeOfActStatus=COM&type=advanced&qid=1698674164048&DTN=0088](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?DTA=2023&SUBDOM_INIT=PRE_ACTS&DB_TYPE_OF_ACT=com&DTS_SUBDOM=PRE_ACTS&typeOfActStatus=COM&type=advanced&qid=1698674164048&DTN=0088)