

**Question for written answer E-003458/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Road safety in Greece

According to figures recently published¹ by the Commission's Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, 635 people died in road accidents in Greece in 2022, i.e. 61 deaths per million inhabitants. That is compared to a European average of 46 deaths per million inhabitants. Furthermore, the data published by the European Road Safety Observatory² shows that, in 2020, 56% of road fatalities in Greece occurred on urban roads (the EU average was 38%).

Many European cities have followed the recommendation of the European Transport Safety Council³ and reduced the speed limit to 30 km/h, which has led to improved road safety, fewer CO2 emissions and less noise in cities.

In view of the targets^{4,5} of reducing road fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by 2030 and of the Vision Zero strategy, which aims to eliminate all road fatalities by 2050:

1. What immediate action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the above targets are met, particularly in Member States that fare worst on road safety?
2. How does it intend to encourage more Member States to introduce the 30 km/h speed limit in cities?
3. How does it make sure that EU funding is being invested in the upkeep of existing infrastructure and the construction of new infrastructure as well as in reducing car use in cities?

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¹ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/road-safety-20640-people-died-road-crash-last-year-progress-remains-too-slow-2023-10-19_en

² https://road-safety.transport.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-02/erso-country-overview-2023-greece_0.pdf

³ https://etsc.eu/wp-content/uploads/5th_rsap_2020-2030_etsc_position.pdf

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:0e8b694e-59b5-11e8-ab41-01aa75ed71a1.0003.02/DOC_2&format=PDF

⁵ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d7ee4b58-4bc5-11ea-8aa5-01aa75ed71a1>