

**Question for written answer E-000367/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Alicante Ordinance on Low Emission Zones lacks penalties and restrictions

According to *Europa Press* and the newspaper *Información*, on 9 January 2024, the PP-VOX Government in Alicante City Council reached a budget agreement under which there will be no driving restrictions or penalties for those who violate the Ordinance on Low Emission Zones (LEZ).

The agreed lack of penalties and restrictions infringes EU climate law, in particular Directive 2008/50/EC on air quality and Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, which states in Article 5 that the relevant Union institutions and the Member States shall ensure continuous progress in complying with the Paris Agreement. This ordinance also fails to comply with the provisions of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan (PNIEC) 2021-2030 and Article 14 of Law 7/2021, which states that 'a low-emission zone is a zone defined by a public administration [...] in which restrictions are applied to vehicle access, movements and parking with a view to improving air quality and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions'.

In view of the above:

Does the Commission consider that an LEZ without any restrictions or penalties in a city of more than 50 000 inhabitants is compatible with the aforementioned legal framework?

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