

**Priority question for written answer P-002443/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Spanish Government's highway toll system

The Spanish Government's recovery, transformation and resilience plan, recently presented to the Commission, expects a mobility and transport funding law to be passed establishing a system of tolls for the use of state highways, which may be extended to cover regional roads as well. This is public infrastructure which was paid for out of the general state budget.

The measure, announced without any dialogue or prior agreement whatsoever with the sector or political movements, undermines Spain's ability to lift itself out of the economic crisis and would hit the transport sector and the general public in the pocket. In Spain, some 85% of goods are transported by road.

1. Has this plan for a toll system for both state and regional roads come in response to a specific proposal or requirement made by the Commission?
2. Does this Spanish Government proposal incorporate an assessment of its impact that takes account of its effects on the transport sector in Spain and the outlying areas?