

**Question for written answer E-002658/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) – driver shortage in the EU

The EU's shortage of professional drivers is alarming; there are more than 500 000 vacant posts in a sector employing 2.7 million people. In countries like Spain, an additional 30 000 lorry drivers and 4 700 bus drivers are needed. With an ageing population and very few young people joining the driving workforce (less than 5 % of lorry drivers are under 25), it is estimated that this crisis will worsen over the coming years, jeopardising mobility and supply chains all across Europe.

It is imperative to facilitate entry into the driving profession and make it appealing as a whole. Against this backdrop, the Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) certifies that drivers have met the training prerequisites and the certificate is required for them to enjoy mobility within the European market.

In light of this:

Is the Commission considering streamlining CPC requirements or implementing other measures that could mitigate this structural crisis in the transport sector?

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