

**Question for written answer E-003000/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Penalties for driving under the influence of drugs

In recent years, the European press has given broad coverage to road accidents caused by drivers who had consumed drugs or alcohol and which resulted in significant casualties, with a great many people also suffering the lasting consequences of such accidents. Besides this, situations have arisen in Romania and elsewhere in which, after conducting checks, the police have failed to take away the driving licences of people who have taken drugs, and they have gone on to cause serious accidents.

Furthermore, there has been a significant increase in the number of accidents, and especially fatal accidents, involving users of electric scooters that are regulated neither at Member State nor at European level.

1. What strategy does the Commission have, together with the Member States, for harmonising road traffic legislation at European level with a view to imposing more severe penalties on drivers who have consumed drugs or alcohol, including a long-term driving ban, especially when the accidents are caused by public figures hoping to escape the law?
2. What strategy could be adopted for regulating the use of electric scooters to reduce the number of fatal accidents, especially among young people?

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