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to the Commission
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Subject: Impact of professional driver shortage on livestock transportation sustainability and supply chains in the EU

The European Union currently faces an estimated shortage of approximately 500 000 professional drivers, a situation that is seriously affecting supply chains and essential sectors such as livestock transportation. In this context, the Commission's proposal regarding animal welfare during transportation provides for an increase in the minimum amount of space for each animal, which will inevitably lead to a higher required number of lorries and therefore drivers, at a time when the available workforce is already insufficient.

At the same time, other European legislation is setting increasingly strict standards for training, driving time and rest periods, which may make this profession less attractive, especially to young people.

1. Has the Commission assessed the cumulative impact of these measures on the shortage of professional drivers in the EU?
2. What concrete measures is the Commission considering to attract more people, including young people, to this vital profession?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that livestock transportation is sustainable in the absence of the necessary personnel?

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