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Subject: Plugging the gaps: EU measures for transparent and fair EV charging fees

Increasing numbers of Europeans are driving electric vehicles (EVs). At the same time, there is a growing number of market players focusing on the development and operation of charging infrastructure and charging stations. However, there remains too much uncertainty surrounding the rates charged by charging station providers. Research shows that in the Netherlands alone, only 50 % of invoices match the prices that were publicly available beforehand¹.

Furthermore, there is poor communication regarding additional costs related to so-called charging point overstaying. EV drivers are often surprised with fines amounting to hundreds of euro². The reality of this market often appears to be insufficiently regulated.

1. What measures can the Commission implement to enhance transparency in EV charging tariffs, protect consumers from excessive pricing and ensure that the rates communicated to users accurately reflect the amounts billed?
2. Is the Commission considering regulatory actions to better oversee the EV charging station market, with the aim of safeguarding drivers against unclear, unfair tariffs and disproportionate penalty fees?
3. Does the Commission plan to develop harmonised EU guidelines or regulations concerning EV charging stations, specifically regarding the calculation of charging tariffs and the enforcement of penalties for overstaying?

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¹ <https://nklnederland.nl/prijstransparantie-bij-elektrisch-laden-tijd-om-door-te-pakken/>.

² <https://www.nu.nl/economie/6362517/met-de-elektrische-auto-op-vakantie-pakt-steeds-vaker-duur-uit.html>.