

**Question for written answer E-003146/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Lack of safety at Catalan motorway service areas and consequences for European drivers in transit

According to a recent study by the Real Automóvil Club de Catalunya (RACC), 97 % of Catalan motorway service area users say they felt unsafe, with an increase in thefts, particularly on the AP-7, the main road corridor between Spain and France. In the first six months of 2025 alone, 650 reports were made, many of them regarding methods such as vehicle key jammers. It is often European tourists and hauliers in transit through Spain who are affected.

Given that these service areas are on international routes used by European citizens and that freedom of movement must go hand in hand with minimum safety guarantees, especially on sections with high seasonal traffic:

1. Does the Commission believe that cooperation between national road safety authorities should be stepped up, especially on cross-border corridors in the trans-European transport network (TEN-T)?
2. Are there plans to include safety and surveillance in service areas as criteria for EU funding programmes, such as the Connecting Europe Facility, to ensure the rights and property of European drivers are protected when travelling in EU territory?

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