

Question for written answer E-003469/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Repair and reuse of electric vehicle batteries

A Finnish citizens' initiative¹ has criticised new Finnish authority guidelines² linked to the Batteries Regulation (EU) 2023/1542. The instigators behind the initiative are warning that the guidelines make battery repairs more expensive and the reuse of batteries and battery components from scrapped or wrecked vehicles more difficult. There is a risk that workshops will face unreasonable demands and that functioning batteries will be discarded unnecessarily instead of being reused. This may limit competition in the internal market, hinder the circular economy and impede the transition from fossil fuel-powered vehicles to electric vehicles as repairs become more expensive.

The criticisms raised by the citizens' initiative include that, under the guidelines, work carried out without the manufacturer's repair instructions must be deemed preparation for reuse or remanufacturing, and not repair. Thus, there is a risk that ordinary repairs will impose manufacturer obligations on the repairer, even when the criteria set out in the Regulation for remanufacturing are not met.

1. How is the Commission responding to the new guidelines from the Finnish authorities and the criticisms that the workshop enterprises have put forward in the citizens' initiative?
2. Is the absence of the manufacturer's repair instructions sufficient for a repair to be deemed preparation for reuse or remanufacturing?
3. How will the Commission ensure that qualified, independent workshops throughout the EU can repair electric and hybrid vehicle batteries and reuse functioning batteries and battery components from scrapped or wrecked vehicles?

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¹ <https://www.kansalaisaloite.fi/fi/aloite/17856>.

² <https://lvv.fi/documents/242146171/255610641/Ohje-ajovoima-akkujen-k%C3%A4sittelyyn-ja-uudelleen%C3%A4ytt%C3%B6%C3%B6n-03072026.pdf/4b430f72-c5b9-622b-ba26-ed38b5bb901e?t=1783317752069>.