

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002730/26
to the Commission
Johan Danielsson (S&D)
(1 July 2026)**

Subject: A common EU framework for Tempo 100 approval of caravans and light trailers

In several European countries, including Germany, Denmark and Norway, certain caravans and light trailers may be approved for speed limits of up to 100 km/h under so-called Tempo 100 schemes. These are not general speed-limit increases, but are based on technical and roadworthiness requirements, including brakes, tyres, stabilisation equipment, weight ratios and periodic inspection.

However, there is no common EU framework for such approvals. Citizens travelling across borders with caravans or light trailers may therefore need separate national stickers or certificates, even where technical requirements are similar. Since March 2024, Denmark and Norway have recognised each other's Tempo 100 approvals, showing that mutual recognition can reduce administrative burden while preserving national control over speed limits.

Against this background:

1. Does the Commission see scope for a common EU framework or certificate for Tempo 100 approval of caravans and light trailers?
2. Would the Commission consider EU-wide mutual recognition of such approvals, while leaving Member States competent to decide whether and where 100 km/h driving is permitted?
3. Will the Commission assess whether such a certificate could reduce the administrative burden for cross-border travellers, while ensuring that higher speed limits are only authorised for vehicle combinations meeting strict safety requirements?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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The maximum speed at which vehicles and combinations of vehicles can be used on the road and the conditions under which vehicles or combinations of vehicles can be driven at a certain speed are regulated at national level.

There is currently no harmonisation at international level neither of the conditions for the use of a combination of a passenger car and a caravan or light trailer at a certain speed nor of the general speed limits for the use of such combinations ⁽¹⁾.

In the absence of international rules on this matter, Member States may recognise each other's approval schemes and also those of third countries on a bilateral basis, as exemplified by the Danish and Norwegian Tempo 100 schemes.

If further steps towards harmonising rules at international level were to be taken, the Commission considers that, due to its wider reach, the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) ⁽²⁾ would be the most appropriate forum for discussions on this matter.

⁽¹⁾ See for instance Table 2 on page 6 of document TRANS/WP.1/80/Rev.2 of the UNECE's Working Party on Road Traffic Safety: <https://unece.org/DAM/trans/main/wp1/wp1fdoc/TRANS-WP1-80r2e.pdf>.

⁽²⁾ Working Party 1 of the UNECE's Inland Transport Committee: <https://unece.org/transport/road-traffic-safety>.