Question for written answer E-000195/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Christine Schneider (PPE)

Subject: Standardisation of eco-stickers for cars

There are millions of vehicles being driven on EU roads every day. Many Member States have low emission zones as part of their urban vehicle access regulations. These are intended to reduce pollution levels in those areas as well as our environmental impact in general, which is understandable. In the low emission zones of individual countries, various kinds of proof in the form of physical or digital stickers are required. This regulatory patchwork not only creates more red tape, but also makes it more difficult for vehicle operators to prove that they are adhering to the respective requirements. It would be preferable to have standardised regulation here.

On 9 October 2023, the Commission answered question E-002258/2023 regarding the potential standardisation of the physical eco-stickers required to drive a vehicle in a low emission zone. According to this reply, the Commission was planning to launch a study on the possible standardisation of these eco-stickers in 2023, which would most definitely be welcome.

- 1. Which Directorate-General will be or has already been made responsible for carrying out the study?
- 2. Is the study already underway, as the Commission said it would be, and is there a timetable for the publication of the results?

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