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to the Commission**

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Subject: Safety rules for driverless vehicle trials

Innovation and technology can in practice be of benefit to our daily lives and help improve the services provided by national and local authorities in the Member States. This is the case, for example, with regard to driverless vehicles, which have aroused great public interest and are now being tested out and, in certain cases, are being used in urban transport. According to a recent survey by the World Economic Forum, 60 % of town and city dwellers would be in favour of travelling on driverless vehicles. Accordingly, the EU now needs to introduce public safety and consumer protection rules governing this form of transport while it is still in its infancy.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what stage has been reached by research and practical trials regarding the use of driverless vehicles in urban transport? Has it drawn up a set of framework rules and provisions to ensure public safety during the trial period?