



Opportunities for engagement

EU Parliament Petition on the use of lead in heritage objects, including HVs – Commission responds positively

Since November 2023, [FIVA has supported a European Parliament petition](#) calling on the EU to allow the continued use of metallic lead for the preservation of cultural heritage goods, including HVs. Now, the European Commission has positively replied to the petition, claiming that "the Commission will take into account the importance of preserving the European cultural heritage in the framing of possible derogations" of lead uses.

FIVA defends the continued use of lead and chromium trioxide for the purposes of cultural heritage restoration and maintenance under EU Chemical Laws (REACH).

Brussels Declaration on the Future of European Mobility – Belgian Presidency of the EU Council

On 4 April, the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council (the Presidency rotates every six months among the 27 EU member states) outlined its vision for the future of European mobility in a document called the [Brussels declaration](#). The Belgian Minister of Mobility (Georges Gilkinet) argues that "a 90% reduction in transport emissions is needed by 2050. [...] While technology can and must play a role in decarbonising mobility, it will not be enough on its own to enable us to achieve our climate objectives". This declaration is not a legally binding law like a Regulation or a Directive, but a political document that reflects the vision of the current Belgian government.

In view of the upcoming political cycle (2024-2029), FIVA will engage with policymakers in the EU to provide them with regulatory recommendations to secure the future of HVs on the roads of tomorrow. These recommendations will be presented along with FIVA's Sustainability Strategy and the FIA-FIM-FIVA Manifesto to reflect on the contribution of HVs to cultural heritage and economic development, as well as their negligible environmental impact due to their marginal mileage.

Developments

Last EU Parliament plenary session before elections – Road safety package adopted

On 24 April, in the last plenary session in Strasbourg before the European elections, the Parliament adopted the [new Directive on Cross-border exchange](#) of information on road-safety related traffic offences. The updated rules will expand the list of traffic offences committed by non-resident drivers that trigger cross-border assistance and can result in a fine. In addition to speeding, drink-driving or failing to stop at a red light, EU legislators added dangerous parking, dangerous overtaking, crossing a solid line and hit and run offences. The EU country where the traffic offence occurred will have 11 months from the date of the offence to issue a traffic offence notice. Once the EU Council has approved the law, EU countries will have 30 months to prepare for their implementation.

European Parliament approves new trans-European transport network (TEN-T) Regulation

On 24 April, in the same plenary session, the European Parliament supported plans to complete [major trans-European transport projects](#), such as cross-border roads, railways, bridges and tunnels. Major transport infrastructure projects on the core TEN-T network should be completed by the end of 2030. Current trans-European transport projects include many European links, such as Rail Baltica, the Brenner Base Tunnel, and the Lisbon–Madrid high-speed rail line. Once the EU Council has approved the law, it will enter into force 20 days after publication in the Official Journal.

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