



Opportunities for engagement

UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations – FIVA attends the sessions in Geneva

On 7-9 March, FIVA participates in-person in the sessions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29). WP.29 is a permanent working party in the institutional framework of the United Nations that produces globally harmonized regulations on vehicles. FIVA has Consultative Status in UNECE.

FIVA works for the incorporation of a definition of HV in UNECE that would provide an international, legal reference to protect motoring heritage.

Developments

CO2 emissions for new cars and vans – final decision on new limits delayed until role of e-fuels is guaranteed

In November 2022, the Council and the European Parliament had reached an agreement on stricter CO2 emission performance standards for new cars and vans, including a 100% CO2 emission reduction target which would effectively end the sale of new combustion engine cars from 2035. Update: in a March 2023 Council meeting, however, several EU Member States are opposing to ratify the agreement. German Transport Minister Mr Wissing will not back it unless the European Commission comes forward with a legislative proposal on how e-fuels can be used to meet the zero-CO2 target. **New CO2 standards for new cars do not affect existing historic vehicles.** But they feed the debate to limit the use of fossil fuels as well as the role of e-fuels in this process. [Link](#)

FIVA defends the use of fossil fuels by HVs given their contribution to cultural heritage, their marginal use and the fact that cultural heritage makes substantial changes much more complex on HVs. Although new CO2 standards do not affect existing HV, FIVA should maintain its endeavours with e-fuels as a potential option to reduce CO2 emissions as long as e-fuels are available and accessible.

Chromium – European Chemical Agency casts doubts on future use of chromium

On 15 February, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) held an information session on authorisation for uses of hexavalent chromium. ECHA and the Commission recognised the “market uncertainties and tensions that exist” surrounding authorisations that would ensure the continued use of Chromium. In a meeting in June, Commission and Member States will discuss the matter although so far there is no majority to make a decision on either to ban or to authorise Chromium use. [Link](#)

FIVA advocates for the continued use of chromium trioxide for legacy parts plating which is essential for the authentic restoration and maintenance of HV.

EU Green Deal Industrial Plan – push of electric vehicle batteries

On 1 February, the European Commission presented the Green Deal Industrial Plan in response to a similar US Act which will provide \$369 billion of subsidies for electric vehicles and other green products in US. Under the EU plan, a Net-Zero Industry Act will boost and fund manufacturing materials in the supply chain of electric vehicle batteries, hydrogen propulsion technologies, innovative advanced biofuels plants, etc. [Link](#)

The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Loïc Dyval, Wolfgang Eckel, Michail Filippidis, Carla Fiocchi, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářik, Bob Owen, Bert Pronk and Kurt Sjöberg. Gabriel Lecumberri of EPPA works with the Commission.