



Opportunities for engagement

End-of-life Vehicles – Proposal for new Regulation published

On 13 July, the European Commission [published its proposal](#) for a new Regulation on End-of-life Vehicles (ELV). The Commission is proposing measures to enhance the circularity of the automotive sector, covering the design, production and end-of-life treatment of vehicles. **The Commission's proposal exempts Historic Vehicles from the obligations of the new Regulation and refers to the Historic Vehicle definition as provided by the Roadworthiness Directive 2014/45/EU.** The ELV Directive should become a ELV Regulation, which is directly applicable in all EU Member States. The [feedback period](#) on the proposal is now open and will end on 26 September.

In the previous ELV Directive, "vintage vehicles" were included in the recital. By contrast, in the current proposal, Historic Vehicles are included in articles 2 and 3. This implies an upgrade in their normative position.

Developments

Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Regulation – New law for more refuelling stations for alternative fuels

On 25 July, the Council [adopted](#) the final text on the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR). The new law establishes national targets to deploy more recharging and refuelling stations for alternative fuels. The AFIR is part of the Fit for 55 package, aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the transport sector. As of 2025, Member States must install fast recharging stations for cars and vans every 60 km along the EU's main transport corridors. As of 2023, hydrogen refuelling stations and liquefied methane refuelling points must be deployed in most urban nodes and main roads.

Euro 7 – European Parliament Committees IMCO, TRAN, ITRE adopt opinions

On 18 and 19 July, the Internal Market ([IMCO](#)), Industry ([ITRE](#)) and Transport ([TRAN](#)) co-advisory committees adopted their opinions on Euro 7. TRAN and ITRE are in favour of increasing the emission limits (in IMCO the limits were not discussed). All three committees include measures to discourage abusive driving. The vote in Environment (ENVI) committee (leading the file) is scheduled on 20 September. Council is scheduled to adopt its general approach at the Competitiveness Council on 25 September.

Batteries and waste batteries – new Regulation adopted

On 10 July, the Council [adopted](#) the Regulation establishing new rules for the placing on the market of batteries. The new regulation was the first legislative initiative published under the Circular Economy Action Plan. It covers the entire life cycle of batteries – from production to reuse and recycling – strengthening rules on sustainability, safety, and labelling. The Regulation applies to all waste portable batteries, electric vehicle batteries, starting, lightning and ignition batteries (used for vehicles) and light means of transport (e.g. e-scooters). The producer is made responsible for the collection of waste batteries. Most new rules will become applicable as of 2027.

'CountEmissions EU' – Commission proposes rules to calculate transport-related emissions

On 11 July, the European Commission [published](#) a proposal for a Regulation on 'CountEmissions EU', which sets out a common framework to calculate and report transport-related greenhouse gas emissions. It applies to entities providing freight and passenger services.

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