



### Opportunities for engagement

#### End of Life Vehicles (ELV) – FIVA defends integral protection for HVs before EU policy-makers

See FIVA's position [here](#). On 4 December, the European Commission closed the feedback period opened following the publication of a proposal for a new ELV Regulation in July. The file is now passed onto the European Parliament and the Council of the EU (national ministries) to be discussed either in this legislative period or more likely in the next one (EU Parliament elections will take place in June 2024). The Commission's proposal exempts HVs from new obligations in the upcoming Regulation, introducing the Historic Vehicle definition as provided by the Roadworthiness Directive 2014/45/EU. Nevertheless, the proposal has still a great margin for improvement to ensure an integral regulatory protection of Historic Vehicles. This is why FIVA proposes to EU policymakers that:

- (1) EU Member States shall keep the right to adapt/complement the HV definition to their national circumstances and to adopt further measures for the protection of historic vehicles at national level. This can be better achieved through a Directive (current law) and not through a Regulation (new proposal by EU Commission).
- (2) It is crucial to ensure the HV owner's right to determine if a vehicle is an ELV.
- (3) It is essential to protect the restoration of used vehicles and the use of spare parts.
- (4) This also includes allowing the legitimate sale, export and import of historic vehicles and their parts.

**FIVA has shared its position paper with the European Commission and the leading Members of the European Parliament. FIVA will follow-up with advocacy actions in the upcoming legislative discussions. ANFs are invited to use FIVA's position with their local MEPs and national Ministries.**

#### Restrictions to the use of metallic lead – FIVA supports cultural heritage petition in EU Parliament

You can sign the [petition here](#). The petition calls on the EU to allow the continued use of metallic lead for the preservation of cultural heritage in Europe. The petition explicitly includes the restoration of technical heritage, including HVs. It has been organised by cultural heritage organisations, such as the International Council on Monuments and Sites, which offers advice to UNESCO. The petition has been filed in a framework of broader actions to oppose a worsening of the regulatory situation of lead, in particular, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) recommendation in April to make its use subject to previous EU authorisation.

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

### Developments

#### Air quality Directive – EU Council adopts negotiation mandate for discussion with Parliament

On 9 November, the EU Council (national Ministries) adopted the [general approach](#) on the revision of the Air Quality Directive. The first negotiation round between Council and Parliament took place on 16 November, and discussions are due to continue next year. Further measures to limit transport emissions through urban vehicles access restrictions schemes (including LEZs) are being considered.

#### Euro 7 – Parliament Plenary agrees on negotiating mandate by adopting Environment Committee report

On 9 November, the EU Parliament adopted the [report](#) by Alexandr Vondra (ECR/CZE) on the Euro 7 legislation. As the Council already adopted its [general approach](#), the trilogue negotiations will begin promptly.

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