



Opportunities for engagement

New European Commission – Commissioners get first European Parliament approval

From 4 to 12 November, all the Commissioner-Designates proposed by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen need to be confirmed in a hearing by the respective European Parliament Committee(s). Of interest to FIVA, the proposed [Culture Commissioner Glenn Micallef](#) (Malta), [Transport Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas](#) (Greece), [Climate Policy Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra](#) (Netherlands) and [Environment Commissioner Jessika Roswall](#) (Sweden) have passed their respective hearings. European Commissioners conform the EU executive branch ("EU government") known as the European Commission. They function similarly to a national government's cabinet, each responsible for a specific policy area. Following successful confirmation hearings, President Ursula von der Leyen will present the complete College of Commissioners at the European Parliament's plenary for the second and final confirmation (possibly in late Nov).

EU Council Presidency – Legislation Commission meeting with Hungarian ANF in Budapest

On 5-6 October, the Legislation Commission met with FIVA's Hungarian ANF to discuss our regulatory priorities in the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council (July-Dec 2024). Our [roadmap](#) has been submitted to the Hungarian government.

FIVA and its ANFs are actively engaging with European and national authorities to present them our Roadmap for the Protection of Historic Vehicles in order to set a protective regulatory framework for HVs.

Developments

EU Transport laws – European Parliament discusses road-related files

On 7 October, the European Parliament Transport Committee decided to [start legislative negotiations](#) with the Council on several road-related files. This decision, which serves as the Parliament's mandate for trilogues (negotiations with the Council, i.e. the Member States), confirms that the new Parliament agrees with the positions already agreed upon these files prior to the elections in June. These files include:

- Driving Licence Directive: Mobile driving licences, self-assessment of fitness to drive, better awareness of pedestrians, probationary two-year driving period for novice drivers and accompanied driving for 17-years-olds were some of the changes to EU driving licence rules introduced by MEPs in February 2024.
- Driving Disqualifications Directive: To ensure that suspension or withdrawal of a non-resident's driving licence is applied across all EU countries.

The first trilogue (legislative negotiation) took place on 22 October.

Air Quality Directive and LEZs – Council approves updated air quality standards across the EU

On 14 October, the EU Council [adopted](#) the revision of the Directive setting updated air quality standards across the EU, which sets new air quality standards for pollutants, to reach by 2030. Member states will have now two years to transpose the directive into national law. National measures to implement this Directive can include urban planning and traffic management policies, like low emission zones (LEZs) and zero-emission zones (ZEZs).

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