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Commission proposes measures to boost data sharing and support European data spaces

To better exploit the potential of ever-growing data in a trustworthy European framework, the Commission proposes new rules on data governance. The Regulation will facilitate data sharing across the EU and between sectors to create wealth for society, increase control and trust of both citizens and companies regarding their data, and offer an alternative European model to data handling practice of major tech platforms: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/proposal-regulation-european-data-governance-data-governance-act>

Plug-in hybrids RDE testing: Proposal by Transport & Environment

According to a proposal by Transport & Environment, governments should end the purchase subsidies and tax breaks for plug-in hybrids as tests on BMW X5, Volvo XC60 and Mitsubishi Outlander show higher pollution than claimed. Moreover, it is suggested to revise how PHEVs are rewarded in EU car CO₂ tests and regulations: https://www.transportenvironment.org/sites/te/files/publications/2020_11_Emissions_Analytiks_plugin_hybrid_testing_report.pdf

Coalition statement on the deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen heavy-duty trucks in Europe

Vehicle OEMs, technology providers, refuelling infrastructure and hydrogen providers, truck operators, road freight services users and related industry associations published a joint statement towards decision makers regarding their intention to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local pollution to establish a cleaner and more sustainable freight transport system: https://securereservercdn.net/160.153.138.177/04p.3b5.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/201123_Coalition-Statement-on-deployment-of-FCH-trucks-in-Europe.pdf?time=1606472771

Latest report: Marked improvement in Europe's air quality over past decade

Since 2000, emissions of key air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides (NO_x), from transport have declined significantly, despite growing mobility demand and associated increase in the sector's greenhouse gas emissions. The air quality in Europe report provides an annual assessment of the status and impacts of air quality and recent air quality trends. The report supports policy development and implementation in the field of air quality at both European and national levels: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/air-quality-in-europe-2020-report>