

NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 6/2021

Passenger car registrations: -24.0% in January 2021 according to ACEA

In January 2021, the EU passenger car market posted an accelerated decline, as COVID-related restrictions continued to weigh heavily on sales across the European Union. In addition, many markets also had one business day less than in January 2020. This negative calendar effect clearly also had an impact on last month's registrations. As a result, new car registrations decreased by 24.0% from 956,447 units in January 2020 to 726,491 units this year, marking the lowest January total on record to date: <https://www.acea.be/press-releases/article/passenger-car-registrations-24.0-in-january-2021>

How to design tenders for e-charging infrastructure - new Handbook for public authorities

The Commission's Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy proposes a variety of actions, including the expectation that a possible fleet of up to 13 million electric vehicles in 2025 will require the number of publicly accessible recharging points to grow from approximately 200,000 in 2020 to at least 1 million in 2025. To support them on this endeavour, the Sustainable Transport Forum expert group has drawn up a set of recommendations for public authorities procuring, awarding concessions, licenses and/or granting support for electric recharging infrastructure for passenger cars and vans: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/stf_handbook.pdf

Motor vehicles – Fines for breaches of type approval rules (updated requirements)

The Commission would like to hear stakeholders' views on the draft act mentioned above. This draft act is open for feedback until 11 March 2021. Feedback will be taken into account for finalising the initiative: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12902-Motor-vehicles-fines-for-breaches-of-type-approval-rules-updated-requirements->

Question for written answer to the Commission: Euro 7 standard

Please find via the following link the Commission's answer by Commissioner Breton to an MEP's written questions regarding the Euro 7 standard and the consequences for our sector: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2020/006333/P9_RE\(2020\)006333_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2020/006333/P9_RE(2020)006333_EN.pdf)

Question for written answer to the Commission: Does the OBFCM device in cars promote the concept of the ‘transparent citizen’?

Please find via the following link the Commission’s answer by Executive Vice President Timmermans to an MEP’s written question regarding the collecting and analysing of data (via OBFCM devices) that is reported to the Commission on the amount of fuel and/or electrical energy used by the vehicle: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-006300-ASW_EN.html

Winter 2021 Economic Forecast: A challenging winter, but light at the end of the tunnel

Europe remains in the grip of the coronavirus pandemic. The resurgence in the number of cases, together with the appearance of new, more contagious strains of the coronavirus, have forced many Member States to reintroduce or tighten containment measures. At the same time, the start of vaccination programmes throughout the EU provides grounds for cautious optimism: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/ip144_en_1.pdf

The Alliance of European Car Dealers and Repairers (AECDR) represents and promotes the interests of 57,500 franchised dealers and authorised repairers. In total these companies employ 1.175,000 people.