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Special report: Infrastructure for charging electric vehicles

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) recently published a special report on the infrastructure for charging electric vehicles. The ECA comes to the conclusion that despite successes such as in promoting a common EU plug standard for charging electric vehicles, and improving access to different charging networks, obstacles to travel across the EU in electric vehicles remain. The availability of charging stations varies between countries, payment systems are not harmonised and there is not enough real-time information for users: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2021/000075/P9_RE\(2021\)00075_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2021/000075/P9_RE(2021)00075_EN.pdf)

Statement by Commission Executive Vice-President Timmermans: PHEV emissions

In a recently published statement by Executive Vice-President Timmermans on behalf of the European Commission, Timmermans reacted on reports regarding plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), which indicate that on average their carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions under real world conditions are higher than those recorded during type approval: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2021/000662/P9_RE\(2021\)00662_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2021/000662/P9_RE(2021)00662_EN.pdf)

ACEA: Letter to Commission on zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles

In a letter to Commission Executive Vice-President Timmermans and the Commissioners for Transport, Internal Market and Energy, ACEA is asking for urgent support for the roll-out of the re-charging and hydrogen re-fuelling infrastructure suitable for zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles. According to ACEA, this must be addressed in the review of the alternative fuels infrastructure directive (AFID): <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12222-Technical-requirements-and-test-procedure-for-approval-of-intelligent-speed-assistance-ISA->