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ACEA publishes Pocket Guide for the automotive industry

The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) has published on 30 September a comprehensive pocket guide for 2021 and 2022 with information on various topics related to the automotive sector and relevant EU policies. It provides key figures/data on employment, vehicle production, sales, the environment and innovation: [ACEA Pocket Guide 2021-2022.pdf](#)

European Commission publishes toolbox for tackling rising energy prices across the EU

The European Commission has published a set of measures to address the spike in energy prices all over Europe. It includes measures to mitigate the immediate impact on smaller businesses, private households and energy intensive industries. Member states can reduce taxation rates for vulnerable populations, make lump-sum payments to help afford energy bills, provide direct financial support to businesses and help invest in energy efficiency improvements. The Commission also sets out long-term measures for better preparedness to gas price fluctuations while reducing the EU's dependence on fossil fuel: [EUR-Lex - 52021DC0660 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

First green bond issuance in the framework of NextGenerationEU (NGEU)

Recently, the European Commission has issued the first green bond in the framework of the EU recovery plan NGEU. The €12 billion raised will be used to finance green investments and to facilitate a sustainable recovery from the Covid pandemic across the EU. The funds from the NGEU green bond issuances will be used to finance green and sustainable expenditure under the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Approved investments include a research platform for energy transition in Belgium and the construction of wind power plants on land in Lithuania: [NextGenerationEU \(europa.eu\)](#)

Public Consultation: Extension of scope of procedures for determination of CO2 emissions of heavy-duty vehicles

From 15 October until 12 November 2021, the European Commission is consulting on a revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/2400 regarding the determination of the CO2 emissions and fuel consumption of medium and heavy lorries. The Regulation will complement the legal framework for the type-approval of motor vehicles and engines by laying down the rules for issuing licences to operate a simulation tool for determining CO2 emissions of new vehicles to be introduced on the EU single market: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13235-Extension-of-scope-of-procedures-for-determination-of-CO2-emissions-of-heavy-duty-vehicles_de

Public Consultation: Vehicle safety – technical requirements & test procedures for EU type-approval of event data recorders (EDRs)

From 12 October until 9 November 2021, the European Commission invites stakeholders to comment on a draft regulation regarding the rules for specific test procedures and technical requirements for the type-approval of motor vehicles with event data recorders as separate technical units (EDRs). EDRs are set to become mandatory in mid-2022 for new types of passenger cars and vans under revised EU rules (General Safety Regulation). The anonymised EDR data will be used for accident research and analysis: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12989-Vehicle-safety-technical-requirements-&-test-procedures-for-EU-type-approval-of-event-data-recorders-EDRs-en>

European Parliament: ENVI Committee adopts draft opinion on the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

Members of the ENVI Committee (Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety) in the EU Parliament have voted on compromise amendments as well as on their draft opinion concerning the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. The adopted amendments refer to the need for transport to accelerate its path towards net-zero emissions, highlight the importance of accessibility and affordability of sustainable transport modes and reject an extension of ETS to road transport: [AM Com NonLegCompr \(europa.eu\)](#)

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.