

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 3/2022

### **EU Commission opens consultation on the sustainable consumption of goods**

On 11 January, the EU Commission published a public consultation on an initiative to promote a more sustainable use of goods and the circular economy by providing incentives and tools to use goods for a longer time, including by repairing defective goods. The initiative includes the right to repair for consumers. The consultation is open for feedback until 5 April 2022: [Sustainable consumption of goods – promoting repair and reuse \(europa.eu\)](#)

### **European Court of Justice (ECJ) upholds appeal against a judgment dealing with limit values for nitrogen oxides after exhaust gas fraud (cases C-177/19, C-178/19, C-179/19)**

On 13 January, the ECJ has overturned a 2018 decision by the General Court of the EU which had found the conformity factors used to assess compliance of vehicles with emission limits while performing a Real Driving Emissions (RDE) test to be inadmissible. Germany, Hungary and the EU Commission had filed an appeal that now has prevailed in the dispute over limits for cars of the Euro 6 emissions standard before the ECJ: [CURIA - Documents \(europa.eu\)](#)

### **EU Parliament: Exchange in the ENVI Committee on the proposal for a revision of Regulation 2019/631 on the setting on CO2 emission performance standards**

On 13 January, members of the ENVI Committee in the EU Parliament exchanged views on the setting of CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles. Main focus of the debate was the draft report of rapporteur Jan Huitema (RENEW). Several members of the EPP criticized the report for setting unrealistic targets whereas members of the Greens proposed to include even more ambitious amendments. The deadline to present compromise amendments ends on 25 January: [European Parliament Multimedia Platform \(europa.eu\)](#)

### **EU Parliament: Exchange in the ENVI Committee on the proposal for a Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure**

On 13 January, members of the ENVI Committee in the EU Parliament discussed the draft opinion of rapporteur for opinion Alexandr Vondra (ECR) on the Regulation for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure. The report states the importance of avoiding negative socio-economic consequences which could create tensions between the East / Central European Member States and the rest of the Union. Compromise amendments can be filed until 19 January: [European Parliament Multimedia Platform \(europa.eu\)](#)

### **European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) organised event on Sustainable Mobility Transformation**

On 11 January, the automotive suppliers association CLEPA organised an event on challenges in the context of a fair transition towards more sustainability in the industry. Commission and Council representatives, as well as industry members and scientists participated in the panel to discuss socio-economic risks such as significant job loss in the sector: <https://clepa.eu/mediaroom/greenandjust-an-effective-mobility-transition-should-be-about-emissions-reductions-and-the-social-dimension-not-a-technology-ban/>