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### **EU Energy Ministers agree on guidelines to frame the Commission proposals on mitigating rising energy prices**

On 9 September, the EU energy ministers convened for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Commission's future proposals to mitigate the impact of soaring energy prices on households and businesses. Commission President von der Leyen had published a [statement](#) comprising several measures to deal with the situation. The Council invites the Commission to adopt by mid-September the following: (1) propose measures to cap the revenues of infra-marginal electricity producers with low production costs; (2) propose emergency and temporary interventions, including gas price caps; (3) present a proposal to encourage a coordinated reduction in electricity demand across the EU; (4) introduce a solidarity contribution from fossil fuel companies; (5) develop emergency liquidity instruments.

### **Commissioner Thierry Breton makes speech on EU strategy on raw materials**

On 6 September, EU Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton spoke in Eindhoven at one of Europe's premier engineering schools. The focus of his speech was on global geopolitical issues. He highlighted existing dependencies with regards to raw materials and energy, suggesting to rethink supply chains from an environmental and social point of view: [Sovereignty, self-assurance and solidarity \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

### **European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) publishes study on the electrification of light vehicles**

On 8 September, CLEPA has published a study on the impact of electrification on the aftermarket in the automotive industry. The main outcome of the study is that electric vehicles would need ca. 30 % less common spare parts. The study expects that electric vehicles will make up 53-82 % of the market by 2030, which could have important consequences for the aftermarket. Nonetheless, the study also identifies potential opportunities along the value chain (e.g. companies developing new software and data management tools): [CLEPA & Roland Berger 2022 Study: The Electrification of Light Vehicle - Boon or bane for the European aftermarket? - CLEPA – European Association of Automotive Suppliers](#)

### **EU Parliament: First exchange on due diligence in the JURI Committee**

On 5 September, the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) was discussing the proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD). Twelve Committees are working on the dossier, which is according to many MEPs not conducive to an efficient political process in the European Parliament. The rapporteur Lara Wolters (S&D) welcomed the Commission proposal in principle. However, there is disagreement between the parties when it comes to the level of ambition and potential bureaucracy for SMEs: [European Parliament Multimedia Centre \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

## **European Automobile Automanufacturers' Association (ACEA) publishes statement on US tax credits for electric vehicles**

On 7 September, ACEA has published a statement on the US Inflation Reduction Act. ACEA criticises the narrow scope of tax incentives for electric vehicles and points out that the new rules have restricted the eligibility for tax incentives to a small number of vehicles assembled in North America in the short term and, in the medium term, may disqualify any vehicle at all from obtaining such a benefit due to very high local-content rules for batteries: [ACEA statement on US tax credits for electric vehicles - ACEA - European Automobile Manufacturers' Association](#)

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