

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 40/2022

### **EU Parliament and EU Council reach provisional political agreement on CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans**

On 27 October, European Parliament and EU Council negotiators reached a [provisional political agreement](#) on stricter CO2 emission performance standards for new cars and vans. The text validates the CO2 emission reduction targets of 55% for new cars by 2030 and 50% for vans compared to 2021 levels. By 2035, this reduction target will be increased to 100%, meaning that no new combustion engine vehicles will be sold by that date. In addition, the text foresees that manufacturers who meet certain benchmarks for the sale of zero- and low-emission vehicles may be rewarded with less stringent CO2 targets, under the regulatory incentive mechanism for zero- and low-emission vehicles (ZLEV).

In addition, the agreement reached by the negotiators includes a clause to ensure that the European Commission will carry out a thorough assessment in 2026 of the progress made and will analyse the need to revise the targets in the light of technological developments, including plug-in hybrids.

### **European Commission prolongs and adjusts Temporary Crisis Framework**

On 28 October, the EU Commission adopted an amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid to allow Member States to continue to use the flexibility provided by the State aid rules to support the economy in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine. The Temporary Crisis Framework was adopted on 23 March 2022 and amended for the first time on 20 July. Its measures are now prolonged until 31 December 2023. There will be an increase in the ceilings set out for limited amounts of aid up to the amount of €250,000 and €300,000 for companies active in the agriculture, and fisheries and aquaculture sectors, respectively, and up to €2 million for companies active in all other sectors: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_6468](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6468)

### **Green Deal: EU Commission presents proposal for revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives**

On 28 October, the European Commission published its proposal for a directive on ambient air, surface and groundwater pollutants, and treatment of urban wastewater. These proposals are a key part of the European Green Deal. The proposed revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directives will set interim 2030 EU air quality standards, aligned more closely with World Health Organization guidelines. To this end, we propose a regular review of the air quality standards to reassess them in line with latest scientific evidence as well as societal and technological developments. The annual limit value for the main pollutant - fine particulate matter (PM2.5) - is proposed to be cut by more than half: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_6278](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6278)

## **EU Parliament: Transport Committee adopts position on Intelligent Road Transport Systems**

On 26 October, MEPs in the Transport Committee approved a draft negotiating mandate on new intelligent road transport systems rules to boost digitalisation in the transport sector, to better connect different mobility apps, and to ensure wider data sharing. MEPs supported the extension of the ITS to other application areas such as multimodal information services, booking services, communication between vehicles and infrastructure, and autonomous mobility. Once this position has been adopted by the plenary, trilogue negotiations can begin: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20221010IPR42639/make-crucial-traffic-data-available-digitally-transport-committee-says>

## **European Parliament: Exchange on Data Act in the ITRE Committee**

On 27 October, the ITRE Committee organised an exchange on the Data Act. Representatives from the automotive industry, public authorities, think tanks and consumers were invited to present their positions. The deadline for amendments in ITRE was extended to 09 November. The Committee vote should take place in February 2023, the plenary vote in March 2023.

*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.*