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European Court of Auditors Special Report: Reducing carbon dioxide emissions from passenger cars

This report provides an early insight into the implementation of the Cars CO₂ Regulation for new passenger cars, which changed significantly in 2019. With findings and recommendations, the European Court of Auditors aims to provide input for the Commission and stakeholders to make the implementation of the Regulation more efficient and effective in reducing new passenger car CO₂ emissions and help the EU meet its 2030 and 2050 climate targets: [Special report 01/2024: Reducing carbon dioxide emissions from passenger cars \(europa.eu\)](#)

EC: Call for applications for new sub-groups on hydrogen infrastructure, zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles and e-mobility Public Key Infrastructure

To address outstanding questions concerning the roll-out of related infrastructure and discuss the state of play of market development, the Commission has decided to set up new sub-groups under the Sustainable Transport Forum (STF) on: i) hydrogen refuelling infrastructure for road transport vehicles, ii) recharging and refuelling infrastructure for zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles, and iii) EU Public Key Infrastructure for e-mobility. The STF is an expert group of the European Commission functioning as a platform for exchange and advice to the Commission on all matters related to the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure. DG MOVE is therefore calling for applications with a view to selecting members of these three new sub-groups. Duly signed applications must be sent by 8 March 2024: [STF: Call for applications for new sub-groups on hydrogen infrastructure, zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles and e-mobility Public Key Infrastructure - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

Commission launches AI innovation package to support Artificial Intelligence startups and SMEs

The Commission has launched a package of measures to support European startups and SMEs in the development of trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI) that respects EU values and rules. This follows the political agreement reached in December 2023 on the EU AI Act – the world's first comprehensive law on Artificial Intelligence – which will support the development, deployment and take-up of trustworthy AI in the EU: [Commission launches AI innovation package \(europa.eu\)](#)

CLEPA: Green mobility transition will require significant increase in investment and innovation

In its latest publication, the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) explains that “in the face of ongoing economic and industrial uncertainty, the automotive supply industry braces for a year of moderate growth. The electric vehicle segment continues to grow. Nevertheless, overall production volumes remain significantly below pre-COVID levels, marking a departure from forecasts made just two years ago”: [CLEPA DATA DIGEST #12 – Green mobility transition will require significant increase in investment and innovation - CLEPA – European Association of Automotive Suppliers](#)