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Heavy Duty Vehicle Emissions Regulation passes Council and Committee

An agreement has been reached between the Council and the European Parliament regarding CO2 emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles. Initially met with opposition from the German government and the EPP, the text ultimately received favorable votes from both the ENVI Committee and the Council. While this agreement marks progress towards addressing climate change and advancing sustainable transportation practices in Europe, it's important to note that some stakeholders, including AECDR, believe that the inclusion of a carbon correction factor in the final text would have been beneficial. However, it's now recognized that this can only be addressed during the legislative review process. More information under this link: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-european-green-deal/file-review-of-the-co2-emission-standards-for-heavy-duty-vehicles>

Transition pathway for the EU mobility industrial ecosystem

Hydrogen Europe has published its latest report: 'Long-term outlook on zero-emission mobility'. Using aggregated data from the responses of 99 Hydrogen Europe members with a stake in the mobility sector, the report provides analyses and projections on the development of European zero-emission mobility from now until 2050. The report is an outlook of the views of some of the leaders in Europe's mobility or mobility-adjacent sectors, thereby indicating the likely direction and shape of the push for zero-emission transport: [2024.02.14-Long-term-outlook-on-zero-emission-mobility_Report_14-02-2024_DIGITAL.pdf \(hydrogeneurope.eu\)](#)

Winter 2024 Economic Forecast: A delayed rebound in growth amid faster easing of inflation

Following subdued growth last year, the EU economy has entered 2024 on a weaker footing than expected. The European Commission's Winter Interim Forecast revises growth in both the EU and the euro area down to 0.5% in 2023, from 0.6% projected in the Autumn Forecast, and to 0.9% (from 1.3%) in the EU and 0.8% (from 1.2%) in the euro area in 2024. In 2025, economic activity is still expected to expand by 1.7% in the EU and 1.5% in the euro area. Inflation is set to slow down faster than projected in the autumn. In the EU, Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) inflation is forecast to fall from 6.3% in 2023 to 3.0% in 2024 and 2.5% in 2025. In the euro area, it is expected to decelerate from 5.4% in 2023 to 2.7% in 2024 and to 2.2% in 2025: [Winter 2024 Economic Forecast \(europa.eu\)](#)