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The European Commission appoints an EU SME Envoy

Markus Pieper has been appointed as EU small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) Envoy. He will report directly to President Ursula von der Leyen. Markus Pieper will take office in the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) and he will also report to the Commissioner for Internal Market on all SME-related activities. As Member of the European Parliament since 2004, Markus Pieper brings extensive experience and expertise in SME policies. He serves as a member of the Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy. Throughout his tenure, he has played a pivotal role in shaping and championing policies that benefit SMEs: [The European Commission appoints an EU SME Envoy \(europa.eu\)](#)

Transition pathway for the EU mobility industrial ecosystem

In this recently published report, the European Commission underlines that the EU automotive industry plays a central role in the economy. Driven by the initiatives of the Green Deal and the Digital Decade, the EU is striving for transformation, supported by measures such as the Critical Raw Materials Act and the Net-Zero Industry Act. The focus is on promoting sustainable vehicle technologies and securing the semiconductor value chain, while the EU is also focusing on infrastructure for alternative fuels. Support from EU funds is emphasised, as is the need for private financing and regulatory incentives. A new “Transition Pathway Stakeholder Support Platform” is intended to facilitate collaboration between various stakeholders: [DocsRoom - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

ICCT: On the way to “real-world” co2 values? The European passenger car market after 5 years of WLTP

This paper investigates how the gap, or divergence, between official and real-world data on CO2 emissions from passenger cars in the EU has developed since introducing a new type-approval test procedure, the Worldwide harmonized Light vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). The results indicate that there is a growing divergence between real-world and WLTP CO2 emissions data for internal combustion engine cars and hybrid cars, as observed for New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) type-approved vehicles in the past: <https://theicct.org/publication/real-world-co2-emission-values-vehicles-europe-jan24/>

ACEA Manifesto: A competitive European auto industry, driving the mobility revolution

This latest publication by the European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association, includes the ACEA vision for a future-proof European auto industry, presenting five high-level policy recommendations for the EU institution’s next five-year mandate: [ACEA FutureDriven Manifesto.pdf](#)