

Opportunities for engagement

End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) – European Parliament holds first legislative discussions at Committee level

On 16 January, the European Parliament's ENVI (Environment) and IMCO (Internal Market and Consumer Protection) Committees met to exchange views on the proposed End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Regulation. The debate started with a presentation from the European Commission (Joaquim Nunes De Almeida, Director, DG Grow). Several Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) stressed the need to "protect vehicles with cultural and historic significance" in the upcoming Regulation, in line with FIVA's position. The next steps in the European Parliament's legislative process include the preparation of a report by the ENVI and IMCO committees in February. These committees will vote on the report before it goes to the full Parliament (Plenary) for amendments/final adoption, probably in September. In parallel, Member States are working to achieve a position in the Council of the EU. Once both the Parliament and the Council have their positions, they will enter negotiations (trilogues) to agree on the final law.

FIVA is engaging with the main MEPs working on the ELV dossier to make sure HVs are integrally protected in the upcoming law. You can [access FIVA's position paper here](#). You are encouraged to share our position paper with your national MEPs.

FIVA is also doing advocacy at national level. Importantly, the Parliamentary Group for Automotive Heritage in [the German Bundestag \(Parliament\) has published FIVA's roadmap as part of the minutes of our last meeting](#) in Berlin in November. You are encouraged to share our position paper with your national government.

Future of the European automotive industry – Public consultation opens until 13 February

On 30 January, the European Commission [launched](#) a public consultation to address the challenges facing the EU automotive industry, as a follow-up to the first Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the Automotive Industry held on the same day. The output of this consultative process will be used by Transport Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas to prepare an EU industrial action plan for the automotive sector.

FIVA will contribute to the public consultation, emphasising that HVs are a vital link to the past, illuminating the future by showcasing Europe's rich engineering, cultural, and societal heritage, and highlighting their place in the future of European mobility.

Developments

Driving License Directive – Legislative negotiations between Parliament and Council continue

On 29 January, during the European Parliament's TRAN (Transport) Committee meeting, MEP Rapporteur for the Driving Licence Directive (DLD) Jutta Paulus (Greens, Germany) reported back on progress made in trilogue negotiations with the Council. Key areas of agreement so far include alignment with the licence validity deadlines and renewal procedures, the exchange of third-country licences, and examiner duties. Unresolved issues include: alcohol limits for novice drivers; probationary periods; digitalisation (ensuring accessibility for elderly drivers); common standards in accompanied driving, etc. The next two trilogues have been scheduled for 18 February and 24 March.

The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Wolfgang Eckel, Michail Filippidis, Thierry Garcia Guilloré, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, Bert Pronk and Kurt Sjoberg. Gabriel Lecumberri of EPPA works with the Commission.