

EU monthly Update

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Opportunities for engagement

FIVA's European Parliament Strasbourg Exhibition – Showcasing Europe's Heritage at the heart of EU Democracy

From 1 to 3 April, during the European Parliament Strasbourg Plenary, FIVA co-organised the exhibition: "The Cultural Heritage of Historic Vehicles for the EU", hosted by the Historic Vehicles Group chaired by MEP Bernd Lange. This remarkable exhibition, attended by a large number of MEPs, Parliament staff and visitors, has served the Legislation Commission to present FIVA's regulatory recommendations in the new European legislature. See [FIVA's Roadmap](#). A dedicated press release and pictures of the event will be published on FIVA's website.

This exhibition has been an outstanding opportunity for advocacy and engagement with key European decision-makers. FIVA has shown the importance of HVs as fundamental elements of our cultural heritage and the evolution of mobility in Europe.

End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) – European Parliament Committees discuss amendments

On 19 March, MEPs from the ENVI (Environment) and IMCO (Internal Market and Consumer Protection) Committees discussed the [amendments to the draft report on the proposed ELV](#) Regulation. More than 1900 amendments have been tabled, addressing recycled content criteria for the manufacturing of new vehicles, extended producer responsibility, etc. Several MEPs, along with co-Rapporteur of the file MEP Saudargas, emphasized the importance of maintaining the exemption for historic vehicles and their parts in the discussion. As a next step in the European Parliament, these amendments will be voted on (most likely in June) in order to adopt a committee report before the file moves to the Parliament's plenary.

FIVA is working closely with the European Parliament and Council to ensure HVs are adequately protected in the new ELV Law.

Developments

EU Driving License Directive – Parliament and Council reach preliminary legislative agreement

On 25 March, negotiators of the European Parliament and the EU Member States in the Council [reached a provisional agreement for an updated EU Driving License Directive](#). Of relevance, institutions have agreed on the introduction of digital driving licenses, available by the end of 2030 via an EU digital identity wallet, but including the commitment that physical licenses remain an option. Besides, negotiators agreed that EU countries may opt to substitute the medical check by self-assessment forms. For the first time, EU rules will set a probationary period of at least two years for new drivers. On the same date, Parliament and Council also reached a provisional agreement on new rules to ensure that [driving disqualifications for serious traffic offences](#) apply across all Member States. These preliminary agreements still need to be formally approved by Council and Parliament. The Legislation Commission will issue a more comprehensive analysis once the agreements are formalised.

European Commission publishes Automotive Industry Action Plan

On 5 March, the European Commission [has launched the Automotive Industry Action Plan](#). Following up on several Strategic Dialogues, the plan compiles a set of upcoming legislative and non-legislative measures with the aim of boosting the EU's automotive industry competitiveness and support the transition to zero-emission vehicles. It further addresses supply chain risks and high production costs.

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.