

Urgent Statement from the Platform for Electromobility

Reversing the 2035 zero emission cars goal will harm EU industry

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The Platform for Electromobility is very concerned by recent statements calling on the incoming European Commission to reverse the already agreed on CO2 Standards for cars and vans. Today, the 2035 zero emission cars goal is Europe's most straightforward EV industrial strategy bringing vital investment to European companies.

We strongly warn against undermining key EU legislation already agreed by MEPs and EU countries in the last legislative period.

Attracting investment to create the net-zero industrial ecosystem for zero-emission mobility is not possible without a **consistent**, **clear regulatory framework**.

To "hit reverse" now would also significantly penalise all industrial actors, including many of our members, who have already invested in this transition (automotive, batteries, infrastructure, etc.).

The cars and vans CO2 legislation, as agreed by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union in 2023, is also in the interest of European consumers: it will increase the offer and promote the market uptake of zero-emission vehicles. With an increased market, zero-emissions vehicles will become more affordable with a continuously reduced total cost of ownership and there will be more choice for consumers. This will also help tackle air quality and noise issues, further benefitting European citizens.

The Platform for Electromobility, a 47-member strong alliance, urges the incoming European Commission President to safeguard the agreement settled between the Parliament and the Council ensuring all new cars and vans sold by 2035 will be zero-emission. Reneging on this deal not only puts at risk the EU's goal to fully decarbonise road transport by 2050 but undermines Europe's re-industrialisation efforts and global competitiveness.

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More about the Platform for electromobility

The Platform, a European alliance of producers, infrastructure managers, operators, transport users, cities and civil society organizations from across industries and transport modes. is very much a coalition of the willing driven by strong member engagement, a really important member pre-requisite. The Platform advocates the acceleration of electrification of all modes of transport, focusing on its numerous benefits, such as emission reduction, efficiency gains, support for technological innovation, jobs and growth through value creation in Europe as well as reducing Europe's energy dependence from fossil fuel imports. The vision of the Platform for electromobility is a sustainable, multimodal transport system in which people and goods are predominantly moved across land in Europe using sustainable electricity. For more information about the platform and its members, please visit:

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