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## Mobility Package at risk of delivering too little too late

Europe is on the cusp of a major shift in the transport sector: with close to 1m electric vehicles (EVs) on the road today, and a double-digit yearly market growth, EVs are progressively entering into Europeans' daily life.

But the change is still too slow for Europe to reach its climate goals on time: policy action is needed. The swift deployment of low and zero-emission vehicles requires a clear signal from European institutions to the public and private sector and to European citizens.

Against that background, the second half of the Mobility Package released on 8 November can speed up the uptake of cleaner vehicles, but runs the risk of delivering too little too late.

The Platform welcomes the infrastructure action plan which addresses consumers range anxiety by paving the way for a European-wide network of charging stations, but regrets that the focus is put on loans and mixed-financing, while other regions in the world (e.g. California) rely on sizable grants to kick-start electro-mobility.

Another piece of legislation, the Clean Vehicles Directive recast (CVD), also represents a key tool to encourage the procurement of clean vehicles. The Platform notes that the recast fixes the main weaknesses of the original text, i.e. a limited scope, the lack of a clear definition for the concept of "clean vehicles", and the absence of procurement targets for public authorities.

The proposed definition of clean vehicles for light-duty vehicles, based on a CO2 tailpipe emissions threshold, and the definition of clean medium and heavy duty vehicles based on a list of technologies, to be replaced later on also by a CO2 tailpipe emissions threshold is a good approach. The Platform also welcomes specific incentives for zero-emission vehicles.

Marie-France Van Der Valk, chair of the platform for Electro-mobility, added: *we particularly support the establishment of minimum procurements targets. It confirms the EC commitment to decarbonize transport and provides enough regulatory certainty for public authorities to shift towards electro-mobility and deploy alternative fuel infrastructures, even though the targets remain low in comparison to the ambitious plans in favor of electromobility already adopted by many local authorities in Europe*".

*It is now up to the Council Members and Members of the European Parliament to turn the Commission proposals into a winning strategy for electro-mobility in Europe.”*

The Platform for electro-mobility encourages European policy-makers to:

- **Set higher targets for the deployment of clean vehicles.** Technology is maturing fast, cost are falling, and many public authorities have already adopted plans to decarbonize large shares of their fleets by 2025. The Platform believes that all vehicles procured by public authorities should be “clean” by 2030.
- **Directly support the deployment of an EU recharging infrastructure.** Loans and other financing schemes are needed, but direct grants and support schemes would likely have a more immediate effect on the deployment of charging stations along the main European motorways.
- **Adopt quickly the Clean Vehicles Directive.** Prioritizing more sensitive topics now and postponing the adoption of the CVD after 2019 would not deliver the signal needed by European manufacturers to invest in electro-mobility, and would place Europe in a position of technology follower.

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**About the Platform for Electro-Mobility:** The Platform is a European alliance of over 29 producers, infrastructure managers, operators, transport users, cities and civil society organizations from across industries and transport modes. 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 Electro-mobility is a sustainable, multimodal transport system in which people and goods are predominantly moved across land in Europe using sustainable electricity.

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