

Statement on the targeted amendment and revision of CO₂ Standards for Cars and Vans

The members of the Platform for Electromobility acknowledged the European Commission's proposal of a targeted amendment to the CO₂ Standards Regulation for cars and vans. This amendment would allow manufacturers to meet their targets by averaging their performance over a three-year period (2025-2027) instead of 2025. We would like to provide recommendations on how legislators should handle both the targeted amendment and the upcoming revision to ensure a stable and effective regulatory framework.

First, we emphasize the critical importance of regulatory stability, not only for the sake of industrial development but also for the integrity and credibility of the rule of law in Europe. Second, we would like to ensure for the proposed targeted amendment that no other elements of the regulation are introduced, particularly the 2030 and 2035 targets for cars. We caution Members of the European Parliament against using this targeted amendment to pre-empt, by amending other elements of the Regulation, the scheduled revision of the Regulation. Any attempt to alter these long-term objectives in this context risks triggering a "Pandora's box" effect, which would be highly detrimental to the European electric mobility industry.

We believe that Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) are the most straight forward solution to electrify road transport for passenger cars and reduce fossil fuel consumption in European transport. Therefore, the EU should continue to support and act for a successful transition, including via continued expansion of charging infrastructure network, power grid readiness to support growing electricity demand, workforce upskilling to meet industry needs, lower energy costs to maintain economic competitiveness, and a multimodal approach that supports the integration of various electric transport solutions.

The Platform for Electromobility, a 47-member strong alliance, urges the EU 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.

WHAT IS THE PLATFORM FOR ELECTROMOBILITY?

A unique alliance of Europe-based producers, infrastructure managers, operators, transport users, cities and environmental civil society organisations from across industries and transport modes, collaborating to reach a sustainable, multimodal transport system in which people and goods are moved across land in Europe using exclusively fossil-free electricity.