

PRESS RELEASE

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CO₂ emissions of cars: it's time to step up the ambition of the EU!

*As the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union meet today in trilogue to reach an agreement on **emission standards for passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles**, UFE calls on European decision-makers to **defend the right targets, as proposed by the European Parliament, and warns against measures that could reduce their ambition.***

Transport accounts for a quarter of greenhouse gas emissions in Europe and air pollution is responsible for about 400,000 premature deaths per year in Europe. Europe must have the means to live up to the climate urgency! **In the context of these negotiations, UFE thus asks the European institutions to defend:**

- **Ambitious objectives, to send a clear climate signal**

UFE urges decision-makers to **support the European Parliament's ambition**, which calls for emissions to be reduced by **20% in 2025 and 40% in 2030** (compared to 15% and 35% for the Council). To achieve this ambition, UFE stresses the need to ensure sufficient long-term visibility and therefore supports a **clear reduction path after 2030, in line with the Paris Agreement.**

- **The deployment of zero and low emission vehicles (ZLEVs) to give teeth to these objectives**

UFE supports the quotas of ZLEVs as proposed and according to Parliament's calculation method. The Council has introduced two measures that drastically reduce the ambition of its text: first, it favours low-emission vehicles rather than more efficient zero-emission vehicles, and second, it introduces a dumping system allowing manufacturers to sell less zero and low vehicles emissions to meet their objectives. **These measures would lead - according to Transport & Environment - to a real reduction in emissions of only 31.8% in 2030, compared to the Council's stated reduction of 35%.** These measures may also create distortions of competition between Member States and develop parallel imports/exports, thereby **damaging local jobs.**

- **A bonus/malus system, to guarantee the full commitment of manufacturers**

Proposed by the Parliament, this system will contribute to the rapid deployment of clean vehicles, reduce risks for investors throughout the value chain and meet the demand of customers.

In view of the substantial changes stemming from the energy transition, UFE also recalls the need to ensure **social support for these transformations, particularly in terms of employment and training.**

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