

EU LEGISLATION UPDATE

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE

Registration of motor vehicles

At the beginning of March, FIVA met with MEP Dita Charanzová (ALDE CZ Rep), the new rapporteur for the vehicle registration proposal in order to explain the amendments which relate to historic vehicles which her Committee colleagues proposed and adopted before the election last year (see February EU issues update). She appreciated the reasoning for the amendments and agreed that she would support them in her Trilogue discussions with the Council.

FIVA Action: FIVA has shortly circulated to ANFs information about the report with a request that ANF's lobby their respective member state Governments to support the amendments during the negotiations.

European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group meeting

The European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group met on 5 March. The meeting was attended by Bernd Lange MEP (Chair), Eugen Freund MEP (Austria), Timothy Kirkhope MEP (UK), Dieter-Lebrecht Koch MEP (Germany), Andrew Lewer MEP (UK) and Gesine Meissner MEP (Germany). FIVA detailed the regulatory issues likely to impact historic vehicles and be on the agenda over the coming 5 years – these are: REACH, the Registration of Vehicles, Intelligent Transport Systems and Low Emissions Zones. The Group discussed these and the cultural and economic value of the historic vehicle movement in depth and agreed to :

- write to Industry Commissioner Elżbieta Bieńkowska to reinforce the HV movement and motor industry concerns about the impact of REACH on spare parts and processes necessary for maintenance and renovation
- write to Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc to call for European Commission guidance for LEZs (for national and local authorities) and to urge that the guidance recommend exemptions for historic vehicles
- draft a leaflet for circulation to all EP Committees calling on the members to always consider the impact on the preservation and use of historic vehicles of the policy and regulatory proposals in their committee's workplan
- encourage a joint Transport and Tourism and Culture Committee consideration of the cultural/tourism/economic impact of the historic vehicle movement focusing on: actions by the Bundestag Group for Automotive Cultural Heritage to ensure that UNESCO officially

recognises Automotive Cultural Heritage, on the tourism generated by historic vehicle activities and on the broader economic activity generated by historic vehicle activities.

- The group also agreed to support the Trilogue discussions on the Vehicle Registration proposal and to support appropriate exemptions in case measures are proposed requiring installation and/or use of ITS systems which are inappropriate or incompatible with historic vehicles.

REACH

The European Commission consultation on the REACH process for the authorisation for use of substances in low volumes and for substances used in legacy spare parts is still underway (see February EU issues update).

FIVA action: FIVA will make a submission shortly once it has the necessary information from the auto industry trade group. FIVA will then ask ANFs to also make submissions before the deadline of 30 April and to make submissions to their national Governments. .

Mid-term review of the 2011 White Paper on Transport

The European Commission has launched its mid-term review of the Transport White Paper which offers a broad policy perspective of the future of transport designed to ensure access to safe, secure, reliable and affordable mobility resources whilst minimising congestion, accidents, air and noise pollution, and climate change effects. The bulk of the paper is not directly relevant to FIVA - however, the document does note the objective to “halve the use of conventionally fuelled cars in urban transport by 2030 and to phase their use out in cities by 2050”.

FIVA action: FIVA will respond to the consultation to highlight the negative cultural impact of an indiscriminate implementation of this policy objective and to broadly make a comment about not forgetting the past when considering the future of transport.

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The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Tidde Bresters (Chairman), Claude Delagneau Wolfgang Eckel, Peter Edqvist, Carla Fiocchi, Lars Genild, Adalberto Gueli, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, Bob Owen, Christos Petrides and Andrew Turner of EPPA works with the Committee.