

EU LEGISLATION UPDATE

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE

MEP calls for ban on diesel vehicles in urban areas by 2020

Karima Delli MEP (Green party, F) is responsible for the European Parliament Transport Committee report on the European Commission's 2013 communication on urban mobility. In her Report, the MEP will say that the Commission should draft a 'transport and climate plan', designed ensure that the EU can meet its greenhouse gas commitments. To do so, the MEP wants targets to help move away from using fossil fuels in urban mobility and she accordingly will recommend that Member States ban the use of diesel vehicles in urban areas by 2020 and that they should gradually reduce the use of petrol cars in urban areas by 2030, with a view to taking them out of cities completely by 2050. In parallel, she will call for Member State authorities to draw up electric mobility plans and set targets to double cycling rates in urban areas by 2025.

FIVA action: FIVA will submit comment to the Committee to by stress the need to remember and value the past when considering the future of urban transport.

Registration of vehicles – no progress

There has been no inter-institutional work on the proposed Vehicle Registration Regulation as the Council is still working on the text internally and so are not ready to begin negotiations with the Parliament. It is not clear at the moment when this dialogue between the two will be able to begin.

INFORMATION

New diesel car pollution test agreed

Member states have agreed rules on assessing the real NOx emissions of diesel cars that could force manufacturers to comply with much stricter standards than the current test which does not replicate real driving conditions. The Transport and Environment lobby group has claimed its research shows that cars emit up to seven times more NOx on the road than in the existing laboratory test.

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