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Executive summary of the evaluation of the Directive on end-of-life vehicles

As part of the better regulation agenda, the European Commission regularly reviews its legal acts. In this context, an evaluation of the Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles (ELV) was carried out and a report was presented recently. A special focus of the evaluation is on the increasing number of electric vehicles on the European market. In addition, there is the focus of the European Green Deal. The evaluation comes to the conclusion that the ELV has effectively achieved its goals. Moreover, it is certified to be efficient and not cause any unnecessary administrative effort or unnecessary costs. The evaluation is incorporated into the revision of the ELV. The proposal for a directive is to be presented in mid-2022:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021SC0061>

In focus: Batteries – a key enabler of a low-carbon economy

The Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER) of the European Commission has published an overview of the topic of batteries. The transport sector is mentioned separately because it is expected that the market penetration of battery-powered vehicles will increase dramatically in the next few years, especially as the purchase price falls. The overview summarizes the efforts of the European Commission to establish a sustainable and competitive value chain in Europe. In addition, the next steps to be taken by the Commission to meet the challenges arising from the 55 percent target are described: https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/focus-batteries-key-enabler-low-carbon-economy-2021-mar-15_en

Horizon Europe's first strategic plan 2021-2024: Commission sets research and innovation priorities for a sustainable future

The European Commission adopted the first strategic plan for Horizon Europe, the new EU research and innovation programme worth €95.5 billion in current prices. The strategic plan is a novelty in Horizon Europe and sets the strategic orientations for the targeting of investments in the programme's first four years. It ensures that EU research and innovation actions contribute to EU priorities, including a climate-neutral and green Europe, a Europe fit for the digital age, and an economy that works for people:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_1122