

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 9/2021

### **MEPs: Put a carbon price on certain EU imports to raise global climate ambition**

The European Parliament has recently adopted a resolution on a WTO-compatible EU carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM). MEPs support to put a carbon price on certain goods imported from outside the EU, if these countries are not ambitious enough about climate change. This shall create a global level playing field as well as an incentive for both EU and non-EU industries to decarbonise in line with the Paris Agreement objectives:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20210304IPR99208/meps-put-a-carbon-price-on-certain-eu-imports-to-raise-global-climate-ambition>

### **Denmark and eight EU Member States are calling on the European Commission to accelerate the phase-out of petrol and diesel cars**

On a joint Danish-Dutch initiative, nine EU Member States have sent a joint call to the European Commission for an accelerated EU-wide transition to zero-emission vehicles, including through a phase-out date for the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the EU. The letter to the European Commission has been signed by Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta and The Netherlands: <https://www.trm.dk/en/english-articles/denmark-and-eight-eu-member-states-are-calling-on-the-european-commission-to-accelerate-the-phase-out-of-petrol-and-diesel-cars/>

### **Collecting real-world data on the CO2 emissions and fuel consumption of new cars and vans**

The real-world fuel and energy consumption of new cars and vans will be collected as of 2021 under a new Implementing Regulation adopted by the Commission. This data will make it possible to monitor the gap between type approval and actual CO2 emissions, and will provide a better understanding of how vehicles perform under real-world driving conditions:

[https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/collecting-real-world-data-co2-emissions-and-fuel-consumption-new-cars-and-vans\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/collecting-real-world-data-co2-emissions-and-fuel-consumption-new-cars-and-vans_en)

### **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure**

The assessments show that full implementation of planned targets and measures by Member States would lead to an infrastructure roll-out by 2030 that – looking at the aggregated numbers - could potentially support a fleet of alternative fuels vehicles that is in line with projections under a pathway meeting a 40% overall greenhouse gas emission reduction in the EU. However, the current deployment is not leading to a comprehensive and complete network coverage of easy-to-use infrastructure throughout the Union as large differences between Member States' plans continue to persist, and modes other than road are either excluded or underrepresented:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2021/EN/COM-2021-103-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF>

## **2030 Digital Compass: The European way for the Digital Decade**

The Commission presented in a strategy paper to the Parliament and Council how the EU member states can master the digital transformation together until 2030. By then, at least 80 percent of all adults should have basic digital skills, all households in the EU should have a gigabit connection, all major public services should be available online and three out of four companies should use cloud computing services, big data and artificial intelligence: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-digital-compass-2030\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-digital-compass-2030_en.pdf)

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