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AERIS Air Quality Report: Euro 7 cost-benefit assessment

In order to put the Euro 7/VII Regulations into context and to provide fresh new data, ACEA tasked AERIS Europe to examine the impact that the latest new Euro 6/VI vehicles are having on air quality on EU, regional and city levels and to see what additional benefits might come from some scenarios for Euro 7/VII. The key findings are summarised in the AERIS Air Quality Report, published in March 2021: <https://aeriseurope.com/papers-and-articles/euro-7-impact-assessment-the-outlook-for-air-quality-compliance-in-the-eu-and-the-role-of-the-road-transport-sector/>

The second part of the study by AERIS, published in July 2021, is detailed cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of a wide range of Euro 7/VII NOx and PM emission reduction scenarios. These include those that were explored in the AERIS Air Quality report, as well as additional scenarios in response to comments received by various stakeholders since the Air Quality report was published, and three 'early replacement of pre-Euro 6/VI' vehicle scenarios: <https://aeriseurope.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AERIS-Euro-7-Cost-Benefit-Analysis.pdf>

End-of-life vehicles: Public consultation

The European Commission completed an evaluation of Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles in 2021. It identified various shortcomings of the ELV Directive. Following up on the evaluation, the Commission is now working on an impact assessment in support of a possible revision of the ELV Directive. In view of the links between the ELV Directive and the "3R type-approval" Directive 2005/64/EC, a joint review of both Directives will be carried out. In this matter a public consultation has been launched which is open until 26 October 2021: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12633-End-of-life-vehicles-revision-of-EU-rules/public-consultation_en

Sustainable Finance: G20 Environment Communiqué

The G20 Environment Ministers' Meeting ended in Naples with the approval of a joint communiqué in which they commit to a just and equitable transition to sustainable economies, whilst taking into account the different levels of development and capacity of countries. They encourage the provision of financial and technological support with focus on specific financing needs for the protection and restoration of ecosystems as a contribution to the G20 work on the future shape of the global financial system: https://www.g20.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021_07_22_ITG20_ENV_Final.pdf

Low emission vehicles/improving the EU's refuelling infrastructure: Commission proposal

The European Commission is consulting stakeholders on a proposal for a regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure. This initiative sets requirements for expanding the EU's network of recharging and refuelling stations for alternative vehicle fuels – mainly electric batteries, natural gas (CNG/LNG) and hydrogen. The Commission aims to encourage the use of low- and zero-emission vehicles. All feedback received on the adopted act will be summarised by the European Commission and presented to the European Parliament and Council with the aim of feeding into the legislative debate. The feedback period ends on 27 September 2021:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12251-Low-emission-vehicles-improving-the-EU%E2%80%99s-refuelling-recharging-infrastructure_en

Data governance: New rules to boost data sharing across the EU

The Industry, Research and Energy Committee has adopted its position on the EU Data Governance Act (DGA), aimed at increasing trust in data sharing, create new EU rules on neutrality of data marketplaces and facilitate the reuse of certain data held by the public sector, which were previously not available under the Open Data Directive. Facilitating data sharing is also a precondition for unlocking the potential of Artificial Intelligence and help start-ups and businesses develop an ecosystem based on EU standards and values:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20210708IPR08014/data-governance-new-rules-to-boost-data-sharing-across-the-eu>

The Alliance of European Car Dealers and Repairers (AECDR) represents and promotes the interests of 57,500 franchised dealers and authorised repairers. In total these companies employ 1.175,000 people.