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European Council Summit on 23-24 June

On 23 and 24 June, EU leaders exchanged on Ukraine and the EU enlargement process, especially towards the Western Balkan countries. EU leaders granted candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova. In this context, the European Council held a strategic discussion on 'Wider Europe', concerning the EU's relations with its partners in Europe: [European Council - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu)

Fit for 55: EU Parliament adopts position on Emissions Trading System (ETS)

On 22 June, the European Parliament has adopted in a plenary vote the report on the revision of the EU ETS with 439 votes for, 157 against and 32 abstentions. MEPs want to increase the Commission's overall ambition to reduce emissions in the ETS sectors from 61% to 63% by 2030, compared to 2005. The free allowances in the ETS sectors covered by the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) should be phased out from 2027 and disappear by 2032. A separate new emissions trading system for fuel distribution for commercial road transport and buildings shall be established on 1 January 2024: [Fit for 55 in 2030: Parliament wants a more ambitious Emissions Trading System | News | European Parliament \(europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu)

ITRE Committee in the EU Parliament: Public debate on the future of the automotive industry

On 21 June, the ITRE Committee in the European Parliament organised a public debate on current developments in the automotive industry. The discussion between MEPs and stakeholders from various associations and NGOs mainly concerned the EP vote backing the Commission proposal to reach zero-emission road mobility by 2035, de facto banning. The participants also exchanged on current challenges with regards to Covid, increasing raw material prices and the war in Ukraine: [European Parliament Multimedia Centre \(europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu)

European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) publishes new study on electric car charging points

On 22 June, the ACEA has published a new data analysis showing that half of all charging points for electric cars in the European Union are concentrated in two EU member states – the Netherlands (90.000 chargers) and Germany (60.000). When it comes to the distribution of infrastructure, there is a significant divide between central and eastern European countries on the one hand and western European countries on the other. Although there has been a strong increase in the number of charging points in the EU over the past five years (+180%), the total number is far from sufficient to meet the requirements: [Electric cars: Half of all chargers in EU concentrated in just two countries - ACEA - European Automobile Manufacturers' Association](https://www.acea.eu)

EU Parliament and Council reach provisional agreement on Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

On 21 June, the Council and the European Parliament agreed on the corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD). The corporate sustainability reporting directive amends the 2014 non-financial reporting directive and introduces more detailed reporting requirements on sustainability issues. EU rules on non-financial information apply to all large companies and all companies listed on regulated markets.

The rules also apply to listed SMEs. An opt-out will be possible for SMEs during a transitional period, meaning that they will be exempted from the application of the directive until 2028: [New rules on corporate sustainability reporting: provisional political agreement between the Council and the European Parliament - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#)

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.