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MEPs vote to end combustion engine by 2035

Fit for 55

This evening, Members of the European Parliament voted in favour of a complete ban on the sale of internal combustion engines in new cars by 2035.

Bas Eickhout MEP, Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans in the Environment Committee, comments:

“The automotive sector can, and should be one of the fastest sectors to decarbonise. The solutions are there and manufacturers are already racing to invest. The industry needs certainty. Today, the European Parliament has shown our clear support for the car industry to go fully electric by 2035.

“As the Greens/EFA Group, we have been advocating a speedier transition. However, at the last minute the EPP tried to slam the brakes on stronger climate action. If this proposal had failed, not only would we have lost credibility on tackling climate change, we would also have removed the chance to future proof one of the biggest European industries.”

More:

You can find quotes from our Members, more information and a breakdown of votes on our special Fit For 55 Live Blog here: https://www.greens-efa.eu/opinions/fit-for-55/

The aim of the EU Commission's climate package is to turn the Green Deal into reality, avert the climate crisis, meet the 1.5 degree climate target and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55 percent by 2030 compared to 1990 levels.

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