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Parliament votes for all new cars to be electric by 2035

CO2 emissions from cars & vans

Today, Members of the European Parliament have just adopted the compromise reached with EU Member States and the European Commission on CO2 emissions for cars and vans. From 2035, no more new cars and vans with combustion engines will be registered in the EU. The Greens/EFA Group voted in favour of the outcome of the negotiations, on the first file of the Fit For 55 package to have completed the legislative stage.

The Commission's proposal for new CO2 standards for trucks is also expected today. Greens/EFA call for the end of combustion engines for new trucks between 2035 and 2040 depending on the truck segment, and by 2030 for the sale of new urban buses. Failing to put an end date for the sale of combustion engines in trucks would seriously undermine the objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest.

Bas Eickhout MEP, Greens/EFA Group negotiator in the European Parliament's lead Environment Committee, comments:

"The EU is leading the way on electromobility. The end of the internal combustion engine is a clear message from the EU for cleaner transport, climate neutrality and greater competitiveness. The Green Deal ensures cleaner air in road traffic and boosts the production of long range batteries and modern cars. The green transformation creates investment and sustainable jobs and protects the climate.

“Today's decision provides planning certainty for the shift to e-mobility, strengthens the EU as an automotive location and protects the health of citizens. The next step must be the expansion of battery production and charging infrastructure.

“The Commission must be as bold in its approach to emissions reductions for trucks. Only clear and strong targets will help the industry electrify and clear the road for a greener transport sector.”

More:

The Commission must aim for a 100% reduction in CO2 emissions from trucks by 2040 at the latest in its proposal this afternoon. The Commission's own impact assessment shows that 100% by 2040 is not only feasible but economically beneficial.

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