



Opportunities for engagement

End of Life Vehicles (ELV) – New ELV rules do not apply to historic vehicles, European Union insists

In February, the European Commission published an [explanatory statement on the ELV proposal](#). In its clarifications, the Commission insists that: “The basic principle is that a vehicle shall be considered as an ELV when it is irreparable. **This principle does not apply to vehicles of historic interest, which are excluded from both the current EU legislation and are outside the scope of the new Regulation proposal.**” The Commission reiterated that the proposal does not place any requirements on the vehicle based on its age, type, origin or ownership form.

In parallel, on 14 February, the Environment Committee of the European Parliament [discussed the ELV file](#) with the European Commission. Mattia Pellegrini, Head of Unit in DG Environment sought to prove the myth wrong that owners of HVs would need to scrap them, insisting that this was not the case. Rapporteur MEP Jens Gieseke (Germany), responsible for the file, echoed the Commission's clarification over HVs, while insisting that the recycling of vehicles needed to stay within the EU. In the Parliament, the work is expected to be resumed by the new MEPs in September 2024, following elections in June. On 18 June, Member States will discuss the file in the Environment Council. See FIVA's position [here](#).

Clarifications by the EU insisting that HVs are not affected by ELV rules are positive. However, the proposal still has loopholes like the indirect impact of waste legislations that need to be addressed with policymakers. **ANFs are invited to share FIVA's position with their national representatives in the EU Council and the Parliament.**

Developments

Driving license Directive Review – MEPs vote against discrimination on the basis of age

On 28 February, the European Parliament plenary session adopted its [position](#) (339 votes in favour, 240 against and 37 abstentions) on the driving license directive revision. MEPs [agreed](#) to maintain driving licences' validity for motorcycles and cars at 15 years, and for trucks and buses at 5 years, rejecting proposals to shorten validity for elderly drivers to prevent discrimination and uphold their freedom of movement. MEPs also support drivers self-assessing their fitness to drive prioritizing factors such as eyesight and cardiovascular health, with Member States having the option to require medical exams if necessary, as per the Council's general approach [position](#) adopted in December. Trilogues between Council and Parliament should start after the elections in June.

Revision of Driving disqualifications – MEPs call for harmonized sanctions across EU

On 6 February, the European Parliament plenary session adopted its [position](#) (372 votes in favour, 220 against, and 43 abstentions) on driving disqualifications revision, seeking to ensure that driving bans imposed on non-residents are recognized and enforced throughout the EU. With the Council's position pending, the new Parliament elected in June 2024 will continue the legislative process.

Cross-border enforcement of traffic offences – discrepancies over low-emission zones stall negotiations

On 6 February, the EU Council and Parliament could not reach an agreement on the [cross-border enforcement of traffic offences directive](#). Member states want to include in the law breaches against low emission zones, while some political factions of the centre-right wing spectrum of Parliament oppose. These rules, known as Urban Vehicle Access Regulations (UVARs), can vary from city to city. FIVA opposes this regulatory fragmentation and advocates for EU-wide rules. More negotiations between both co-legislators will be needed.

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