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Opportunities for engagement

FIVA's Legislation Commission attends German Bundestag hearing to exchange on ELV and other relevant files

On 7 October, FIVA attended the meeting of the Parliamentary Group on Automotive Cultural Heritage (Parlamentskreis Automobiles Kulturgut im Deutschen Bundestag; chaired by Carsten Müller, MdB) in the German Federal Parliament. FIVA presented the status and significant advancements regarding the **ELV legislative discussions**. Other topics of relevance included the proposal for a new **Roadworthiness** Testing Directive.



In parallel to ongoing engagement on the European level, advocacy efforts at the national level are equally important. As the ELV file moves to a final stage with legislative negotiations between EU Council and Parliament, ANFs are invited to engage with their national governments. See FIVA's position paper. The next inter-institutional meeting between the Parliament and Council is currently planned on 24 November.

New EU Roadworthiness Testing Proposal moves ahead in the legislative process

Following the appointments of the leading Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on the Roadworthiness Testing Package, FIVA has reached out to the responsible parliamentarians on the matter, underlining the importance of keeping current definitions and exemptions, safeguarding flexibility, and ensuring proportionate inspection and anti-tampering rules. In parallel, the Member States are progressing their work on the file, with the ambition of the currently steering Danish Presidency of the Council to finalise the approach constituting the Council position on 4 December. The work in the European Parliament is led by MEP Gieske (DE; EPP), supported by one Member of each political group, consisting of MEPs Goncalves (PT; S&D), Krutílek (CZ; ECR), Blom (NL, PfE), Christensen (DK; Renew), Metz (LU; Greens), Kountoura (EL; Left) and Schnurrbusch (DE; ESN).

European ANFs are invited to engage with their national Members of the European Parliament and governments to share FIVA's position paper and highlight the cultural and practical importance of protecting historic vehicles in the forthcoming negotiations.

Developments

New EU Driving License Directive takes the last step in the legislative process and is about to be signed into law

On 21 October, the European Parliament has given the final approval adopting the revised EU Driving Licence <u>Directive</u>. This marks the final step in the legislative process, completing the joint adoption by the EU institutions (Parliament + Council, which act as co-legislators). The directive has subsequently also been published in the Official Journal of the European Union, after which Member States will have four years to transpose the

new rules into national law and prepare for their implementation. As a reminder the revision includes, amongst other elements 15-year validity for cars and motorcycles, the mandate for a digital licence, whilst the possibility of requesting a physical version

is maintained, and harmonised driving disqualification measures and remedies, such as EU-wide probation periods including stricter alcohol and drug rules, adjustments to the Category B license, and harmonized enforcement of licence bans and withdrawals.

The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Hans Andersson, Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Wolfgang Eckel, Michail Filippidis, Thierry Garcia Guillorel, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, and Bert Pronk. Gabriel Lecumberri and Felix Kubitschek of EPPA work with the Commission.