

EU ISSUES UPDATE

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE

FIVA meets with UNECE officials to discuss benefits and opportunities of Consultative Status

In December 2021 FIVA was afforded Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). This allows FIVA the opportunity to attend UNECE meetings and make proposals for consideration by its parties.

On 21 March, FIVA met with officials of the WP29, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations. Two of its Working Parties are of particular interest to the historic vehicle movement as one addresses the possibilities for automatic and connected vehicles and another addresses pollution and emissions and therefore its work includes work on the transition away from fossil-fuelled vehicles. During the meeting, the officials explained how FIVA can participate and contribute to the work of the WP and it was agreed that as a first action, FIVA would draft a suggested definition of a historic vehicle. The FIVA draft will then be considered by the WP29 voting parties for inclusion in the WP29 Special Resolution No. 1 Concerning the Common Definitions of Vehicle Categories, Masses and Dimensions. Once a definition has been agreed and included in the Resolution, any reference to historic vehicles in the future work of UNECE will be based on the agreed definition.

FIVA action: draft definition for UNECE consideration

European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group

At the last European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group meeting, the Chair Bernd Lange indicated that his preference was for the subsequent meeting to be an in-person meeting in Brussels as opposed to another virtual meeting. The extended Covid conditions therefore precluded a meeting since the last one in mid-2021. The Parliament has recently revised its Covid procedures which means that an EPHVG meeting may now be held within the Parliament. Accordingly, the next meeting and a reception to present the FIVA survey results can now be scheduled.

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The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Sébastien Berthebaud, Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Wolfgang Eckel, Carla Fiocchi, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav

Minářik, Bob Owen, Bert Pronk, Kurt Sjoberg and Andrew Turner of EPPA works with the Committee.