



### Opportunities for engagement

#### **Rétromobile Paris – FIVA, FIA and FIM promote joint manifesto “Securing the Future of our Motoring Heritage”**

From 31 January to 4 February, FIVA was present at the *Rétromobile 2024* in Paris, along with its partners FIA, (*Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile*) and FIM (*Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme*), to promote our joint manifesto: “Securing the Future of our Motoring Heritage - Preserving Historic Vehicles' Place on the Roads of Tomorrow”. The manifesto rightly argues that: “Loving classic cars, historic motorcycles or trucks does not imply a threat to the environment, but simply a passion for culture and human heritage that can be expressed in a sustainable way.” Please see the document [here](#).

#### **UN Economic Commission for Europe – FIVA’s Historic Vehicle definition proposal admitted into the agenda**

On 26 January, the Secretariat of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the regulatory body responsible for the harmonization of regulations for motor vehicles in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), formally included into the agenda FIVA’s proposal to incorporate a historic vehicle definition. FIVA is proposing to mirror the HV definition as provided in the [EU Roadworthiness Testing Directive](#), which counts on a great consensus, as it is already part of the legislation of the 27 EU Member States, which are also UNECE members (so-called contracting parties), like the EU itself. FIVA’s proposal will be firstly discussed in April as a [working document](#) in the preparatory body on General Safety Provisions (GRSG).

**The UNECE HV definition proposal is the result of a long-standing engagement between FIVA and the Secretariat of the UNECE WP29. This definition would give the HV movement a legal reference at international level, improving the regulatory visibility of HVs and ensuring coherence between the international and national/EU rules affecting HVs.**

### Developments

#### **Roadworthiness Testing Directive – New proposal to be published in March 2024**

On 23 January, while addressing the European Parliament's Transport Committee, European Transport Commissioner Vălean stated that the Commission was "nearly there", referring to the publication of the proposal for a new Roadworthiness Testing Directive, noting some fine-tuning still needs to be done. After several delays, the Commission considers publishing the proposal in March 2024, though Ms Vălean conceded that this would come too late for any meaningful work to be done by the current co-legislators before the elections. FIVA expects that the HV definition currently in force in the Directive will be maintained. Link to the [meeting](#).

#### **End of Life Vehicles (ELV) – Belgian Presidency (EU Council) to work on file as of April**

On 24 January, Alain Maron, Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, representing the Belgian Presidency, stated, in an exchange of views with the European Parliament's Environment Committee, that his government would work on the ELV revised rules “in the second half of its Presidency”. The legislative process i.e. the negotiations between European Parliament and EU Council (representing the Member States led by the Belgian Presidency until 30 June) is expected to take place in the next legislative mandate, which starts as of July after EU elections are held in early June. Link to the [meeting](#).

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