

### Opportunities for engagement

#### European Commission – re-election of President Ursula von der Leyen

On 18 July, Ursula von der Leyen was officially re-elected as President of the European Commission, receiving the approval of the majority of the recently elected European Parliament (401 votes in favour, 284 against, and 22 blank). Ursula von der Leyen presented her second-term programme as President of the European Commission, titled "[Europe's Choice](#)", with a strong focus on Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness. The European Commission's political programme:

- Stresses that the Commission would "focus on the things that make up our European way of life: our culture and history. I want to make it easier for people – especially younger generations – to benefit from our rich and **diverse cultural heritage**" (p. 20)
- Highlights that "the 2035 climate neutrality target for cars creates predictability for investors and manufacturers. Getting there will require a technology-neutral approach, in which **e-fuels** have a role to play through a targeted amendment of the regulation as part of the foreseen review." (p. 9)

**FIVA has engaged with the European Commission to defend the role of historic vehicles as a vital part of our European cultural heritage and to support the development and use of sustainable fuels whenever these are both suitable and available for the existing historic vehicles.**

#### European Parliament – FIVA starts engagement with MEPs and Parliament Committees

Between 19-23 July, following the European Parliament election, the allocation of MEPs among parliamentary committees and their leadership roles were announced.

FIVA has already started engaging with the Committees of reference (Culture, Transport, Environment, Industry, among others) to advocate for the protection of historic vehicles in the legislative proposals to come within this legislature (2024-2029), including the End-of-life Vehicles proposal, or the expected Roadworthiness Testing Revision. For these purposes, our engagement with the European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group will be crucial.

Follow-up meetings with key MEPs will continue as of September.

FIVA – Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens  
www.fiva.org  
EU Transparency Register number: 801754021924-61



#### Roadmap for the Protection of Historic Vehicles – FIVA's proposal for European Policymakers in the new political cycle (2024-2029)

Historic vehicles represent our European motoring and cultural heritage. This heritage needs to be preserved and passed on to future generations for them to understand the world our parents and grandparents inhabited. Fortunately, there are owners, civil society organisations, museums, and other actors in the cultural ambit, willing to devote their time and financial resources to preserving this valuable heritage. These enthusiasts are the custodians of our motoring heritage. But these custodians cannot preserve this valuable heritage alone. They need the understanding and support of regulators. Recognition by policymakers is required and political intervention is needed when threats arise, whether those are intentional or unintentional. Efforts must be devoted to ensuring regulatory solutions to ensure that historic vehicles remain on the roads and continue to contribute to this common European heritage.



**European ANFs are kindly asked to share our Roadmap for the Protection of Historic Vehicles with their respective national and European political representatives.**

\*\*\*

The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Loïc Duval, Wolfgang Eckel, Michail Filippidis, Carla Fiocchi, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, Bert Pronk and Kurt Sjöberg. Gabriel Lecumberri of EPPA works with the Commission.