



Developments

Spanish Presidency of the European Union Council (Jul – Dec 2023): priorities

From 1 July to 31 December, Spain will hold the Presidency of the EU Council. The [Spanish Presidency will further work](#) on the decarbonization of the transport sector, the configuration of a sustainable, intelligent and resilient mobility system, and the development of the Trans-European Transport Network. The Presidency will also foster good practices in sustainable heritage management.

Cross-Border Enforcement Directive: European Parliament rapporteur MEP Zlotowski releases draft report

On 1 June, MEP Zlotowski [published](#) his report on the Proposal for a revision of the Cross-Border Enforcement Directive. The main change in the report is the inclusion of the concept of "hit and run" in the catalogue of offences. In addition, the report includes an amendment specifying that information on appeal procedures must be provided to non-residents during routine inspections. On 27 June, the report was debated in committee.

Driving License Directive: EU Council's first conclusions and European Parliament TRAN Committee's first views

On 1 June, the EU Council held its first policy debate on the Driving License Directive proposal, based on a background paper [published](#) by the Swedish Presidency. Many Member States raised concerns about the provisions on self-assessment, age and digital orientation. Furthermore, on 27 June, the European Parliament also had its first exchange of views, during which a large majority of MEPs welcomed the new proposal for a directive. A vote on the proposal in the European Parliament Plenary is expected in Feb March 2024.

Euro 7: EU Council exchanges

On 1 June, the EU Council discussed the proposal for new emission standards for new cars (Euro 7). The exchange focused on the need to make the proposal more realistic and to reduce the impact on the automotive industry. Doubts were also expressed about the efficiency of the text in its current form. The German representative stated that Germany would not accept the Euro 7 proposal in its current form. Further discussions on the file are expected in the next months.

Intelligent transport systems: Council and Parliament strike a deal

On 8 June, the Council presidency and European Parliament representatives reached a [provisional agreement](#) on the revision of the 2010 directive on the deployment of intelligent transport systems (ITS). The current Directive includes an exemption for historic vehicles under Recital 10: "*Vehicles which are operated mainly for their historical interest [...] should not be affected by the rules and procedures laid down in this Directive.*" The next stage is the final adoption by the Council and the Parliament.

Authorities and industry must work to ensure that all vehicles including HV and people may continue to use public roads safely even in the event that vehicle-to-vehicle and infrastructure-to-vehicle connectivity become commonplace for road safety and traffic management purposes in the future.

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation: TRAN Committee approves interinstitutional agreement

On 24 May, members of the European Parliament's Transport Committee [adopted](#) the [provisional agreement](#) resulting from the trilogues on the revision of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation. The next stage is the final vote in plenary. The rules on alternative fuels infrastructure seek to expand the deployment of recharging or alternative refuelling stations for cars, trucks or planes.

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 Minářik, Bob Owen, Bert Pronk and Kurt Sjoberg. Gabriel Lecumberri of EPPA works with the Commission.