

Opportunities for engagement

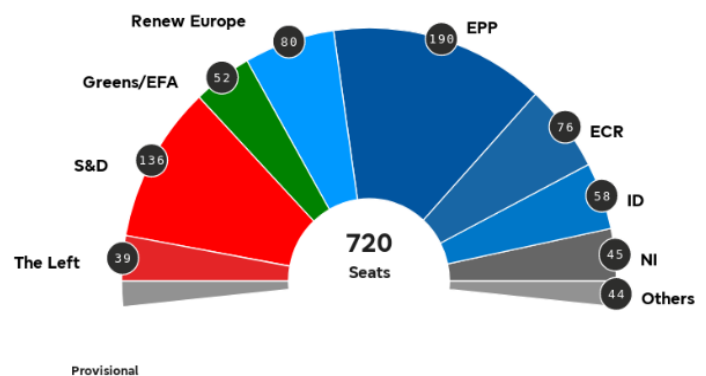
End-of-life vehicles – EU Council discusses further exemptions to protect vehicles' restoration

On 12 June, the Belgian Presidency released a [note](#) on the End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Regulation, discussed at the recent Environment Council meeting. Key amendments would allow Member States to exempt vehicles of cultural interest and for cases where the vehicle owner decides to restore it back to a roadworthy condition, despite the costs of repair significantly exceeding its market value. These exemptions would come in addition to the already proposed historic vehicle exemption as defined in the Roadworthiness Testing Directive. If confirmed in the latter stages of the legislative process, these exemptions would be beneficial as they enable the owner's right to determine if a historic vehicle is an ELV; and they better protect the restoration of used vehicles.

FIVA is engaging with policy-makers at EU and national level to ensure a clear legal distinction and treatment between historic vehicles and end-of-life vehicles and to protect the restoration of used vehicles as a legitimate activity. [Link to FIVA's position paper.](#)

European Parliament elections results

The 6-9 June European Parliament elections resulted in the victory of the centre-right (EPP) which will retain the majority of the seats. The centre-left (S&D) remains the second largest party. The liberal Renew Europe group and the Greens experienced important losses, while the conservative/right-wing groups (ECR, ID) improved considerably. In total, 720 MEPs have been elected. The Chair of the **European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group**, MEP Bernd Lange (S&D, GER) has been re-elected. You can read an interview with him on the HV scene [here](#) (in German).



FIVA will soon resume meetings with the European Parliament Historic Vehicle Group (EPHVG) to ensure that our positions are represented in the European Parliament. In view of the upcoming political cycle (2024-2029), FIVA is engaging with policymakers in the EU to provide them with regulatory recommendations to secure the future of HVs on the roads of tomorrow.

FIVA continues its international regulatory work with the UN World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations

Between 25-28 June, FIVA representatives participated in the UNECE WP.29 World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations ([193rd session](#)). FIVA works with the UN WP.29 to ensure that international vehicle regulations do not negatively impact HVs. FIVA is also working with the WP.29 for the incorporation of a HV definition at international level.



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