

Engagement

End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation – legislative procedure completed, exemption for HVs included

On 18 June 2026, the European Parliament approved the final agreement on the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation. On 29 June 2026, the [Council also formally approved the ELV agreement](#), meaning that the legislative procedure has now been completed. For historic vehicles, the outcome is positive. The new Regulation expressly recognises that vehicles of historical interest and their parts should be excluded from the scope of the Regulation in order to preserve Europe's cultural heritage. This means that recognised historic vehicles should not be treated as ordinary end-of-life vehicles and should not be subject to obligations related to transfer of ownership, export or end-of-life treatment. At the same time, historic vehicle owners, restorers and workshops remain subject to applicable environmental, safety, registration, insurance and roadworthiness rules. The new Regulation will soon be published in the EU's Official Journal and will start applying 2 years after its entry into force.

FIVA thanks its ANFs for their sustained support throughout this long and important legislative process. FIVA will closely monitor the implementation of the new Regulation to ensure that the exemption for historic vehicles and their parts is applied correctly in practice.

REACH (EU Chemicals Legislation) – Chromium restriction and chrome plating

ECHA has launched a 60-day [public consultation concerning the proposed REACH restriction](#) on Chromium VI. The deadline for submitting comments is 17 August 2026. In practical terms, the main issue for FIVA is whether chrome platers will be able to comply with the final worker-exposure and environmental-emission limit values. The Commission is expected to prepare a draft legal text in Q1 or Q2 2027, with Member State discussions and a possible REACH Committee vote likely in late 2027 or early 2028.

FIVA will participate in the public consultation and continue to engage European institutions. FIVA asks downstream users to also participate in the consultation to highlight the impact of the restriction on their businesses. FIVA asks ANFs and HV stakeholders to share any additional information/studies that can be submitted to the public consultation, in particular relating to the expected (negative) socio-economic impacts of a restriction.

EU Culture Compass – FIVA meets European Parliament and Commission

On 1 July 2026, [FIVA representatives participated in a meeting of the MEP Historic Vehicles Group at the European Parliament](#) in Brussels. The meeting was hosted by MEP Bernd Lange. The meeting, attended by a good number of MEPs, focused on recent EU legislative developments affecting the historic vehicle movement. The second part of the discussion addressed the place of historic vehicles in the EU's cultural policy agenda, notably in the context of the European Commission's Culture Compass for Europe. Clint Tanti, Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Glenn Micallef, presented the Commission's work. In the afternoon, FIVA also met with Petra Soderqvist, European Commission official in the team of Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas, responsible for Transport and Sustainable Tourism. The exchange with the Commission focused on the role of historic vehicles in promoting local tourism, economic activity and intra-EU mobility.

For FIVA, this opens an important dialogue on how HVs can be better recognised within the EU's cultural agenda. FIVA will follow up with the officials met to discuss specific actions related to the role of HVs in Europe's cultural policy.

Developments

Roadworthiness Testing Directive – final legislative negotiations start

On 2 July, trilogues (legislative negotiations) between the Parliament and the EU Council started with a view of adopting a compromise on the reviewed European roadworthiness testing directive in the autumn. The current revision does not affect the existing HV definition and Member States shall be allowed to establish specific rules and periodicities for HVs testing.

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