



Opportunities for engagement

EU Roadworthiness Testing Proposal – Legislation Commission presented FIVA's position in the German Bundestag

On 6 June, FIVA attended the meeting of the Parliamentary Group on Automotive Cultural Heritage (*Parlamentskreis Automobiles Kulturgut im Deutschen Bundestag*; chaired by Carsten Müller, MdB) in the German Federal Parliament. It was the first meeting of the legislature, following the recent elections in Germany. FIVA presented its [position paper](#) outlining concerns around the new EU Roadworthiness Testing Directive proposal, touching upon potential increased regulatory and financial burdens for vehicle users, as well as public authorities. These include among others the proposal to introduce annual inspections for cars and vans over 10-years – a concern which was widely endorsed by German stakeholders – and the establishment of further mandatory checks for motorcycles.

ANFs are kindly asked to share FIVA's [position paper](#) with their contacts in the national Ministries. The legislative process for the new EU Roadworthiness Testing Directive just started. The European Parliament and in parallel the Member States (in the Council) will need to develop their position towards the Commission proposal.

End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) – FIVA Legislation Commission in Strasbourg to meet MEP Rapporteur

On 18 June, the Historic Vehicles MEP Group led by MEP Bernd Lange invited FIVA to a meeting with MEP Gieseke (EPP; Germany), Co-Rapporteur for the ELV proposal in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. MEP Gieseke kindly exchanged with FIVA members on the European Parliament approach to the ongoing legislative process of the ELV regulation. FIVA put forward [our most important positions](#) for the protection of historic vehicles, i.e., their exemption from the proposal, the right of the owner to decide on the status of a vehicle, the possibility to trade with parts, etc. These points were well received by our interlocutors. As next steps, the two responsible Committees in the Parliament, i.e., IMCO (Internal Market and Consumers) and ENVI (Environment) will jointly vote to adopt a position on 7 July. Then the file moves to the European Parliament Plenary for a vote in September. If approved, this will be the Parliament's position for the inter-institutional negotiations with the Member States in the Council.

On 17 June EU [Member States in the Council have agreed on their negotiation position](#) on the ELV, constituting the negotiation mandate for upcoming discussions with the European Parliament. Exemptions for historic vehicles are safeguarded to some extent throughout the position, but with room for improvement.

Developments

Low-Emission Zones (LEZs) – France's National Assembly Votes to Abolish LEZs, awaiting final approval

On 25 June 2025, France's National Assembly adopted a broader legislative package known as the "simplification bill," which includes provisions for the abolition of low-emission zones (zones à faibles émissions). The final vote passed with 275 votes in favour and 252 against, marking a significant shift in France's urban policy. Since 2019, LEZs have been implemented in cities with more than 150,000 inhabitants, restricting access to vehicles. The bill now proceeds to a joint committee of the National Assembly and the Senate, which will negotiate a final version. Even if adopted, the law may still be subject to review by France's Constitutional Council.

The FIVA Legislation Commission members are: Lars Genild (Chairman), Giuseppe Dell'Aversano, Wolfgang Eckel, Michail Filippidis, Thierry Garcia Guillorel, Peeter Henning, Johann König, Stanislav Minářík, Bert Pronk and Kurt Sjöberg. Gabriel Lecumberri and Felix Kubitschek of EPPA work with the Commission.