

WGMM's Reaction to the European Commission's Proposal for Revised CO₂ Standards under the Automotive Package

Brussels, 22 December – [The Working Group on Monitoring Methodologies for CO₂ neutral fuels \(WGMM\)](#) takes note of the European Commission's new proposal within the Automotive Package to revise the CO₂ emission standards for light duty vehicles. The Commission's new proposal is an important recognition of the importance of renewable fuels, specifically e-Fuels and biofuels, as contributors to road transport decarbonisation.

Regrettably, the proposal does not go far enough in unleashing the potential of those fuels to help deliver on EU goals for reducing emissions.

Achieving Europe's climate neutral mobility goals requires:

- legislation that recognises **all verifiable, RED-compliant sustainable fuels** and adopts a [single, harmonised definition of such fuels](#); and
- the approval of a **new vehicle class** operating exclusively on certified CO₂ neutral fuels as compliant with future emission standards.

Together, these measures would accelerate emission reductions even further, stimulate industrial innovation, and preserve consumer choice across the European Union.

Unfortunately, the work carried out by WGMM is not reflected in the Automotive Package.

The WGMM therefore strongly regrets that the Commission has not follow through on its commitment under [recital 11 of Regulation \(EU\) 2023/851](#) in the new Automotive Package proposal on revised CO₂ standards. That recital explicitly required the Commission to present a proposal allowing the registration, after 2035, of vehicles running exclusively on CO₂-neutral fuels. By omitting this commitment, the proposal weakens the long-term regulatory signal for CO₂-neutral fuels and overlooks the robust monitoring framework developed by the WGMM.

The WGMM has assessed [eleven monitoring methodologies](#) capable of tracking and tracing the use of these fuels in vehicles, several of which are already proven in practice, providing a solid basis for transparent carbon accounting and regulatory compliance.

The WGMM and its partners remain committed to developing and promoting reliable monitoring standards that ensure transparency, scientific consistency, and traceability in CO₂ accounting, while continuing their technical engagement and policy advocacy to support all technologies that can contribute credibly to Europe's climate neutral future.

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The Working Group on Monitoring Methodologies of CO₂-Neutral Fuels (WGMM) is a voluntary collaboration of over 50 stakeholders from across the automotive value chain – feedstock to end-users – which includes fuel manufacturers and suppliers, vehicle manufacturers and their supply chain, logistics and distribution, and the retail including equipment and marketing.

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