

BRIEFING NOTE

Concerning proposals 2025/0420 and
2025/0421(COD)

 **CLIMATE GROUP**
We drive climate action. Fast.

Who are we ?

The Climate Group is a nonprofit organisation that aims to achieve a world of net zero Carbon emissions by 2050 by driving climate action, fast, including in the transport sector by encouraging the development of electric vehicles. With its EV100 initiative, the Climate Group assists over 180 companies to decarbonize their entire fleet.

Context

Emissions from road transport represented about 30% of the EU's overall net CO₂ emissions in 2023 and 24% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (European Commission), the transition of this sector seems to be an essential element to achieve the objective of net zero emissions by 2050 set by the European Green Deal. Furthermore, this sector is also really important for the European economy since it accounts for one trillion of GDP and that it provides direct and indirect manufacturing employment for three million Europeans. That is why its transition to adapt to new requirements is essential to maintaining its competitiveness.

Our key demands



Preserve the integrity of the “100% emission reduction” target by 2035

→ In order to avoid penalizing companies that have already invested in clean technologies, and to orient the investments towards clean technologies, it is important to send a clear message to the investors by not backtrack on the Green Deal's objective and keeping its ambition.



Accelerate the decarbonization of vehicles through electric corporate vehicles

→ Corporate fleets are a major lever to accelerate demand alongside supply-side regulations, to increase the number of electric vehicles in the second hand markets, as the number of charging infrastructures and to enable innovation. Nevertheless we would like to insist on giving the priority to ZEV and not to hybrid vehicles, and also on the need to harmonize the European targets among the member states.



Support small companies and vulnerable individuals/ Member states to go through this transition with the European social climate fund

→ We recognize that electric vehicles are an innovation currently limited to the wealthiest Member States and individuals, given their cost. Our goal is to help countries and small businesses achieve their targets and ensure consumer demand by providing subsidies through the European Social Climate Fund.

Why support these demands ?

To encourage investments

According to the Institute For Climate Economics, the **European economy would need to double its level of climate investments to deliver the EU 2030 target**. Nevertheless, the EU is currently going in the opposite direction by backtracking on climate goals and by keeping financing fossil fuels. According to the International Monetary Fund, “implicit and explicit fossil fuel subsidies in the EU have increased and reached 290 billion euros in the year 2022”, if we reorientate this money we could support demand of EVs and development of charging infrastructures where needed.

To support EU's competitiveness and independence

Given the geopolitical context concerning EU relations with Russia, the United States and China, it is fundamental for the EU to acquire energy sovereignty. **As mentioned by the Draghi Report in 2024, decarbonation and reindustrialization go hand in hand** towards this objective. Since Europe is the poorest region in terms of fossil resources, the “made in Europe” vehicles could only be electric. This is what the European Union is aiming for by proposing subsidies to European EV's manufacturers and in parallel by taxing chinese importations. Furthermore, with the “battery booster” initiative, we guarantee an entire “made in Europe” production.

The democratic stake

According to the 2025 Eurobarometer report, 81% of European citizens, back the EU-wide goal of climate neutrality by 2050, while 88% support greater investment in renewables and energy efficiency, making these commitments a democratic imperative. (European Commission)
