

European Commission
For the attention of
Commissioner Arias-Cañete
Commissioner Bulc
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Dear Commissioner Arias-Cañete and Commissioner Bulc,

Ahead of the December 4 political trilogue on the CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles, I would like to reiterate the electricity industry's call for ambitious CO₂ reduction targets in the transport sector.

Eurelectric welcomes the commitment to clean, safe and affordable mobility, as most recently expressed in the Graz Declaration. But a lot remains to be done as the new IPCC report as well as the most recent EEA annual assessment display a worrying increase of EU transport carbon emissions for the fourth year in a row.

The European power sector has significantly decreased its emissions and has made a pledge to achieve carbon neutrality well before 2050. The electricity industry is therefore committed to support decarbonisation efforts especially through electrification of road transport – [as our recently released study on European Decarbonisation Pathways shows](#). The study presents concrete measures towards supplying highly decarbonized and electrified road transport with carbon-free power. Electrification of transport is a pivotal step towards decarbonisation of the EU economy and will yield substantial energy system efficiencies, open the field for smart solutions and business models, trigger synergies across sectors and enable the take-up of high shares of renewables.

In order to yield the desired results from its holistic mobility strategy, the EU must firmly ensure that the CO₂ emission regulations are adequately bringing carbon emissions down in the upcoming decade and post-2030 with targets of at least 20% in 2025 and at least 40% in 2030 for both cars and vans.

The electricity industry strongly defends the stringency of this proposal which can be maintained through the adequately developed 'bonus-malus' system. It will ensure the introduction of clean vehicles, reduce risks for investors along the value chain and answer the growing customer demand. Moreover, such a promising market environment will create more than [200 000 new jobs by 2030](#).

We therefore urge the Commission to stand behind a stronger commitment as expressed in the recent EU Long Term Strategy by showing ambitious climate and industrial leadership in the upcoming trilogue negotiations on this critical file.

Yours sincerely,



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