

Moving towards zero-emission mobility

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 1 to 3 December 2017:

Notes that:

- according to the EU Commission, road transport contributes to about one-fifth of the EU's total emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the main greenhouse gas;
- transport is the only major sector in the EU where greenhouse gas emissions are still rising compared to 1990 level;
- light-duty vehicles – cars and vans – produce around 15% of the EU's emissions of CO₂;
- besides contributing to increasing CO₂ emissions, diesel- and petrol-fuelled cars are also major contributors to emissions of air pollutants including fine particulate matters and NO_x;
- the transport sector is the largest contributor to NO_x emission and 15% of emissions from fine particles comes from transport;
- the European Environmental Agency estimated that the number of premature deaths due to air pollution in 2015 in EU was 491,000;
- EU Members States such as the Netherlands, France and the UK, but also non-EU members such as Norway, have decided to ban all sales of diesel- and petrol-fuelled cars and vans from between 2025 and 2040;
- from 2019 Volvo will stop producing diesel-fuelled cars and instead produce electric or hybrid fuelled cars;
- BMW expect that up to 25% of its sales will be of all-electric or hybrid cars in 2025;
- China has decided that 12% of all cars sold in 2020 should be zero-emission.

Considers that:

- since the EU as a whole is one of the largest markets, phasing out all diesel- and petrol cars and vans will send a clear signal to producers worldwide to start investing in the development of ultra-low emission technologies;
- phasing out of CO₂-emission vehicles is a natural consequence of the increasingly lower targets for CO₂-emission by passenger cars set by the EU;
- phasing out of sales of diesel- and petrol-fuelled cars in Europe could give European car makers and those car makers who serve the European market a competitive advantage, as it is expected that more

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regions will impose similar restrictions as the emission of CO2 and pollutants from cars keeps rising.

Calls for:

- ALDE MEPs to push for the phasing out of petrol- and diesel-fuelled cars and vans in EU by 2040;
- the EU Commission to establish concrete policies and programs to renew the European car fleet to less-polluting cars;
- the EU Commission to put forward a proposal for a regulation that phases out petrol- and diesel-fuelled cars and vans and promotes renewable fuels in the EU by 2040;
- ALDE ministers and governments in the EU Member States to put the issue on the agenda at home and during the rotating EU Presidencies;
- all levels of government, where relevant, to facilitate the production of zero-emission vehicles, the installation of associated infrastructure, and the uptake by consumers;
- ALDE Transport and Energy ministers to push forward the issue at the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council.

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