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CLEPA Statement

Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and post-2020 CO₂ reductions

The EU CO₂ legislation for passenger cars has largely been a success in driving innovations, lowering CO₂ and offering planning certainty. CLEPA members are developing a wide range of technologies for further CO₂ reductions post-2020.

We see additional potential via both increased efficiency of the internal combustion engine and increasing market shares of alternative powertrain vehicles. CLEPA members are committed to remaining leaders in CO₂ reduction. For the time after 2020 there are, however, reasons to believe that a linear continuation of currently demanded reductions will not be possible. This is amongst other things linked to the costs and market penetration of alternative technologies and the fact that the physical potential of efficiency gains is asymptotic.

Moreover, we ask the European Commission to take into account the current and likely future industrial strengths of European automotive suppliers in setting future targets. A transparent stakeholder process must be followed before setting future targets.

As far as the integration of the transport sector in the European Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is concerned, CLEPA is open to studying the issue as a complement to the future CO₂ regulation. A possible two-pillar approach combining a CO₂ regulation with realistic vehicle targets and ETS for the fuels/energies sector should be investigated as part of a larger well-to-wheel approach.

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113 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 25 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3 thousand companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

Facts about the European automotive industry

- Some **12 million** people are employed in the European automotive industry
- European automotive suppliers directly employ **5 million** people
- European automotive suppliers invest **€18bn** in RDI per year. They are the biggest private investor into research and innovation
- Per year, **18 million** vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy