

CO2 limit flexibilities will delay EU electric car roll-out, harming first-movers and wider investment

Brussels, 3 March 2025: E-Mobility Europe warns that the European Commission's announcement of a three-year flexibility for carmakers to comply with the 2025 CO2 limit for cars and vans would be a big backwards step for Europe's electric vehicle investment, at a critical time for its global competition with China and other regions.

Chris Heron, E-Mobility Europe Secretary General, commented:

"Today's three-year CO2 limit flexibility will significantly delay Europe's electric vehicle roll-out across the next two years, risking around half a million fewer electric cars entering the EU market in 2025. That uncertainty is bad news for investors in EU charging infrastructure, battery production, and e-mobility overall".*

We have big legal questions now. Changing the rules midway through 2025 is unfair for the automakers that worked to comply with the law in good faith.

Europe slowing down its electric vehicle transition will leave the door wide open for China to continue as undisputed market leader, putting long-term job creation at risk."

The European Commission's proposal will now be formalised as part of the Automotive Industrial Action Plan to be launched on 5 March, after which the other EU institutions will likely need to review and adopt any legislative revision.

E-Mobility Europe stresses the importance of this Action Plan recommitting Europe fully to the 100% zero-emission car sales target, and delivering a robust package of actions to further stimulate electric vehicle demand and increase value chain competitiveness.

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E-Mobility Europe is the voice for Europe's collective electric vehicle ecosystem (formerly AVERE), with a membership including national EV associations, vehicle manufacturer, supply chain, fleet owners, and technology providers.

E-Mobility Europe advocates for Europe's successful transition to electric vehicles, in a way that benefits both the region's people and its industries.

* The consultancy New Automotive in February released a [study](#) forecasting that a relaxation of the EU's 2025 CO2 limits would remove 450,000 electric vehicles from the 2025 EU market