

Fuel prices WG Meeting Minutes

27 April 2026



Minutes and Actions

Ad-hoc meeting of Fleet Cards Europe on Fuel prices

27 April 2026, 15:00 (CEST)

Location	Online	
Chair	Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE	
Attendance	Antonio Chiesa, DKV Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier, Edenred Jean-Claude Chilon, Radius Mario Martinez de Butron Garcia, FCE Edit Pljakic, Edenred	
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1) Competition law compliance reminder

FCE Secretary General reminded all participants to comply with competition law.

2) Fuel price mitigation tracker

- The Secretary General informed participants that the tracker has been updated to include five additional European countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Netherlands and Sweden. Updates are based on information collected by the Secretariat and contributions from members.
- Participants agreed to continue sharing updates via the meeting chat and email exchanges. A WhatsApp channel is not considered necessary at this stage.
- Participants also agreed to prioritise completing the tracker column assessing the impact of measures on fuel supply, which is currently blank.

Action

Members to share updates via the meeting group chat as they become available, with a focus on impacts on fuel supply.

The Secretariat to update the tracker accordingly.

3) EU level: fuel crisis debate

- The Secretariat informed participants that the European Commission published a communication on 22 April titled “[AcceleratedEU – Energy Union, Affordable and Secure Energy through Accelerated Action.](#)”
- The communication calls for reducing reliance on volatile fossil fuel imports, accelerating the transition to clean domestic energy, promoting electrification, and encouraging voluntary demand reduction. It also stresses stronger coordination among Member States on gas storage and joint oil and gas purchasing.
- In the short term, most energy and fiscal measures remain at national level. However, the Secretary General highlighted the following EU actions relevant for FCE members:
 - **Fuel observatory (from May 2026):** monitoring EU fuel supply (production, imports/exports) and stock levels, initially focusing on fuel suppliers and aviation.
 - **Measures to address price shocks:**
 - A digital repository (from April 2026) to share non-confidential information on national emergency measures and best practices.
 - Commission support for Member States in designing targeted, temporary measures (e.g. price interventions, income support, tax incentives), including guidance and templates.
 - The Commission does not call for windfall profit taxation but stands ready to support Member States that choose to introduce such measures, including by providing guidance and assessing their impact on the single market.
 - Flexibility on excise duties, with the Commission ready to assist Member States applying energy tax rates below current EU minimum levels in the short term.
- The Secretariat informed participants that, as foreseen at the previous meeting, it had reached out to the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to exchange views on the topic, but a meeting could not be secured. However, IRU reacted to the European Commission communication¹, welcoming the launch of the Fuel Observatory as a meaningful step.
- Participants agreed that it remains relevant for FCE to engage with IRU on this issue and to continue advocating for excise duty reductions as an effective way to mitigate fuel price increases. They also noted that limited additional action is expected at EU level, while underlining the importance of monitoring developments, particularly ahead of the Informal Energy Ministers’ Meeting of 12–13 May.

¹ https://www.iru.org/news-resources/newsroom/fuel-crisis-eu-takes-useful-first-steps-plans-must-go-further?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Falcon

- Members considered that, at this stage, reputational risks for fleet card companies remain relatively low. However, the longer the situation persists, the greater the risk that they may be associated with oil companies, despite their distinct role in the fuel value chain.

Action

The Secretariat to:

- continue efforts to organise an informal exchange with IRU to gather their views.
- provide updates to members on the implementation of the European Commission's *AcceleratedEU* communication, in particular as related measures (e.g. guidance documents, repository, Fuel Observatory) become available.

4) Next steps

- The next meeting is scheduled for **12 May 2026 at 15:00 CEST**.