

Sustainability WG Meeting Minutes

14 March 2025



Minutes and Actions

Meeting of the Fleet Cards Europe Sustainability Working Group

14 March 2025, 14:00 (CET)

Location	Online	
Chair	Matthias Maedge – Eurowag	
Attendance	Antonio Chiesa – DKV Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier – Edenred Laura Cremer-Heesen – DKV Ewelina Dlugolecka-Wojcik – Corpay Marta Fabregas – OnTurtle Danny Fawcett – Radius Michael Mc Dermott - Radius Pauline Gain – Edenred Fabian Grün – TankPool24 Dorota Nowak – OnTurtle Jenny Pidgeon – Eurowag Pere Pinto – OnTurtle Jakub Szalaty – E100 Tomáš Janura , MOL	Secretariat: Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE
Apologies	Vicky Lloyd – WEX Dan Munro – WEX	
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1) Welcoming new members and Secretary General

The meeting began with a round of introductions, where all members introduced themselves.

2) Competition compliance reminder

FCE Secretary General reminded all participants to comply with competition law and circulated the Do's and Don'ts.

3) Industrial Action Plan for the European Automotive sector

- The Secretary General introduced the Industrial Action Plan for the European Automotive sector released by the European Commission on March 5th. The plan aims to support the automotive industry in addressing competitive challenges while facilitating the transition to zero-emission, connected, and increasingly automated vehicles.
- The Action Plan focuses on five key areas. The Secretary General highlighted the measures under the "clean mobility" area, which are particularly relevant to the fleet cards industry. These include:
 - Amendment of CO2 emission performance standards for cars and vans (combined assessment for 2025-2027), to be completed by the 1st quarter of 2025.
 - Review of CO2 regulation for cars and vans, with a preliminary fact-based analysis scheduled for Q3/Q4 2025.
 - A communication on the Decarbonisation of corporate fleets (*to be addressed in details in the next agenda item*).
 - Amendment of the Eurovignette Directive to extend the full exemption of zero-emission HDVs beyond 31 December 2025, expected in Q2 2025.
 - Guidance & Recommendation on shortening grid connection procedures and prioritising grid connection, expected in Q1/Q2 2025.
 - Guiding principles for anticipatory grid investment, scheduled for Q2 2025.
 - Launch of the European Clean Transport Corridor initiative to promote HDVs charging hubs, expected in Q3 2025.
 - Allocation of €570 million under the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility for 2025-2026.
 - Review of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructures Regulation (AFIR) to assess options for strengthening price transparency at publicly available recharging points, expected in 2026.
- The Secretary General emphasized that, despite various statements from the European Commissioner for Transport, it remains uncertain whether the European Commission will

adopt a technology-neutral approach, particularly in the upcoming revision of CO2 emission performance standards. Similarly, there is no indication of the Commission's plans regarding heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs).

- The Chair opened the floor for discussion, asking members to share their main interests regarding energy types and the profiles of their customers. Three main groups emerged:
 - Members predominantly interested in commercial road transport (CRT): Eurowag, E100, TankPool24, MOL, and OnTurtle (dealing with all types of fuels).
 - Members with a 50/50 interest in light vehicles and HDVs: DKV & Edenred. Both of them focuses more on e-mobility than members focusing on CRT.
 - Members predominantly interested in light vehicles: Radius.

Among members, interest in energy type covers the full spectrum ranging from high reliance on fossil fuels to greener solutions such as electricity, hydrogen, LPG/LNG and CNG.

- Members requested additional time to thoroughly review the concrete proposals before selecting the most pressing one for FCE. The Chair highlighted that, with regard to the design of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED3) and ETS2, several challenges lie ahead, including numerous initiatives and varying implementation strategies across Member States. As a result, more time is needed for a detailed analysis and understanding of the different proposals and how they relate to existing ones.

Action

Members are requested to closely analyse the Industrial Action Plan for the European Automotive sector and share their feedback with the group.

The Secretariat to closely monitor discussions on this topic in Brussels and keep working group members updated.

4) Decarbonise Corporate Fleets

- The Secretary General informed the group that, following a public consultation, the European Commission released a Communication on March 5th titled "*Decarbonise Corporate Fleets.*" The goal is to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles in corporate fleets in order to meet the 2035 zero-emission target. The communication takes a comprehensive approach to addressing both the challenges and opportunities involved.
- The communication outlines five key initiatives, with the most relevant for FCE members being a legislative proposal expected by the end of the year, which will be preceded by a high-level dialogue. The proposal aims to establish mandatory minimum quotas for zero-emission vehicles in company fleets. Other initiatives focus on aligning fiscal regimes and incentives at the Member State level to promote the purchase of zero-emission vehicles, encouraging zero-emission vehicle quotas in the licensing processes of local and regional authorities, and launching a pilot initiative to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles in airport rental fleets.
- It was specified that, according to the European Commission's communication, corporate

vehicles are defined as "*vehicles purchased by legal entities and not by physical persons*".

- The Secretary General suggested that the release of the Communication and the upcoming high-level dialogue present an opportunity for FCE to position itself as a key player in the decarbonisation of road transport in front of EU decision-makers. Therefore, the Secretary General proposed that FCE issue a position paper on the topic.
- Members unanimously agreed on the necessity of drafting a position paper. As a starting point, they emphasized that the position should urge the European Commission to adopt a technology-neutral approach to zero-emission vehicles, allowing customers to choose the best available green vehicles. The position should also oppose mandatory purchasing targets, highlight the need for clarity on grid readiness, and emphasize the importance of the fleet cards industry.

Action

The Secretariat will:

- draft a position paper on corporate fleet decarbonisation,
- draft a PA Action Plan to promote the position paper.

Working group members are invited to send any relevant material to the Secretary General that could be used in the position paper.

5) Defining WG priorities for 2025

- The Secretary General indicated that, to define the working group's priorities for 2025, a document listing the relevant dossiers currently being discussed or implemented among members will be prepared. Members will be asked to indicate whether they wish to be informed about, follow, or influence each dossier as well as how it impacts the industry. The results of this consultation will be shared at the next meeting and will contribute to the overall assessment on how these files impact the industry.
- The Chair mentioned the work conducted last year by the Stuttgart Group on detecting whether or not a fuel is green renewable. The discussion has evolved into what should be the methodology used for light and heavy-duty vehicles to track their carbon footprint. In this regard, the fleet cards industry is not identified in the value chain in these discussion which present a potential danger.
- Radius mentioned its strong interest to hold a discussion among WG members on how the fleet cards industry position itself on scope 3 emission reporting, and in particular category 1 and 11.

Action

Working group members are invited to complete the heat map and return it as soon as it is circulated by the Secretariat.

6) 2025 Meeting calendar

- Members agreed to hold monthly online meeting. The next WG meeting is scheduled to take place online on April 17th at 14.00 CEST.
- The 2025 meeting calendar is as follows:
 - April 17th at 14:00 CEST
 - May 22nd at 14:00 CEST
 - June 19th at 14:00 CEST
 - July 24th at 14:00 CEST
 - September 11th at 14:00 CEST
 - October 23rd at 14:00 CEST
 - December 11th at 14:00 CET