

# Sustainability WG Meeting Minutes 24 July 2025



## Minutes and Actions

### Meeting of the Fleet Cards Europe Sustainability Working Group

24 July 2025, 14:00 (CEST)

<b>Location</b>	Online	
<b>Chair</b>	Matthias Maedge – Eurowag	
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Marcel Brouwer – MultitankCard</p> <p>Antonio Chiesa – DKV</p> <p>John Clifford – WEX</p> <p>Laura Cremer-Heesen – DKV</p> <p>Pauline Gain – Edenred</p> <p>Vahti Higgins - Cardtrend</p> <p>Tomáš Janura – MOL / Slovnaft</p> <p>Vicky Lloyd – WEX</p> <p>Michael Mc Dermott – Radius</p> <p>Dan Munro – WEX</p> <p>Jan Simunek – Eurowag</p> <p>Jakub Szalaty – E100</p>	<p>Secretariat : Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	<p>Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier – Edenred</p> <p>Danny Fawcett - Radius</p> <p>Jenny Pidgeon – Eurowag</p> <p>Alexander Zandbergen - TFC</p>	
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## 1) Competition compliance reminder

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

## 2) FCE position paper on driving decarbonisation in Commercial Road Transport (CRT)

- The Secretary General thanked all members for reviewing and providing comments on the draft position paper entitled *“Driving Decarbonisation in Commercial Road Transport: FCE Views on a Pragmatic, Scalable, Inclusive, and Comprehensive Approach.”*
- Eurowag presented a proposal for a revised outline of the paper. The objective of this new structure is to adopt a bolder, more provocative tone and focused directly on policy recommendations, unlike a traditional White Paper. Participants supported this approach, and the Secretariat will circulate a new version of the position paper based on the revised structure during the course of August.
- Participants agreed that the main focus of the paper should be on heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs). It was also agreed that the content should be expanded to stress that support for e-mobility should not come at the expense of CRT operators or existing low-emission solutions—while still supporting electrification. The paper should reflect the business impact of the uneven implementation of ETS2, which is expected to create significant discrepancies in fuel prices across Member States. It should also address issues such as electricity grid congestion and underinvestment in grid development, as well as the impact of rising electricity prices—factors that are currently overlooked by many decision-makers.
- Regarding the promotion of the position paper, participants were informed that its release is planned to coincide with the policy dinner-debate organised by FCE in the European Parliament, expected to take place in November. A formal request for the event has been sent to MEP Alexandr Vondra (ECR, CZ), with the support of Eurowag. Eurowag is in ongoing contact with the MEP's office and hopes to confirm the date and room by the end of July.
- The event aims to bring together several MEPs from a range of political groups and Member States. The Secretariat is currently mapping relevant MEPs to invite and kindly asks members for their support in this process. The final list will be shared with MEP Vondra prior to sending invitations, to ensure alignment and avoid any issues.
- The Secretary General also informed participants that a communication campaign is planned to launch approximately four weeks prior to the event. Subject to final pricing confirmation, the campaign may include:
  - an op-ed in a Brussels-based publication.
  - A post-event article summarising key takeaways, to be published 2–4 weeks after the event.
  - Broad dissemination of the position paper to relevant EU stakeholders via direct mailings.

#### Action

The Secretariat will revise the position paper following the new structure and incorporating the points raised during the meeting. The updated draft will be circulated to the group during the course of August.

The Secretariat will share with the group the concept note for the dinner-debate and will conduct a mapping of relevant MEPs to be invited. It will also finalise the communication campaign in preparation for the event.

FCE members are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of any existing contacts with MEPs who would be relevant to invite, and to indicate their availability to support the outreach. MEPs are generally more receptive to invitations from companies based in their home country than from FCE directly.

### 3) Update on Greening Corporate Fleets

- The Secretary General provided an update on the European Commission's current agenda regarding the decarbonisation of road transport. A high-level strategic dialogue took place on 17 July, during which participants voiced a number of concerns, particularly regarding the potential imposition of mandates. Several stakeholders called instead for stronger incentives and improvements to infrastructure to support the transition toward zero-emission mobility.
- Although the Commission's formal proposal was not discussed during the 17 July meeting, it is understood that the forthcoming proposal will include a 60% electric vehicle (EV) target by 2026 and a 100% EV target by 2030. The proposal is expected to be fast-tracked through the Commission via a simplified impact assessment process.
- As part of the next steps, the Commission is expected to launch a call for evidence by the end of July. This consultation will likely remain open for a period of 8 to 12 weeks. A legislative proposal is anticipated in the fourth quarter of 2025.
- In light of these developments, FCE will prepare a response to the forthcoming call for evidence. A draft document will be circulated to members as soon as it becomes available.
- Members discussed several key points, including the lack of adequate infrastructure for heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) compared to light-duty vehicles (LDVs), highlighting the need for stronger incentives to support infrastructure development. Closely related to this issue is the total cost of ownership (TCO) of electric HDVs, which is affected by rising electricity prices and should be properly accounted for. In particular, electricity pricing—especially in the context of EV roaming—could hinder the progress of electromobility and may require greater transparency.

**Action**

The Secretariat will circulate the call for evidence as soon as it is published by the European Commission and will prepare a draft response for members to review.

**4) Public consultation on revision of CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans**

- The Secretary General informed participants that the European Commission has launched a public consultation on the revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/631. This Regulation sets CO<sub>2</sub> performance targets for new cars and vans, with targets tightening every five years, aiming for a 100% reduction in emissions by 2035. The consultation will remain open until 10 October 2025.
- The consultation reviews the current regulation and considers potential updates to the targets. It also examines technological developments (e.g. plug-in hybrids) and addresses the need for a viable and socially fair transition to zero-emission mobility. It will be complemented by a progress report from the European Commission, to be published by 31 December 2025. A formal Commission proposal is expected in the second quarter of 2026.
- The Secretary General proposed that FCE respond to the consultation, focusing on the following topics:
  - Coherence & EU added value of current regulation (Questions 6, 7, 8)
  - Challenges & market barriers (Questions 9, 10, 11)
  - Fuels (Question 18)
  - Excess emissions premiums (Question 19)

**Action**

Members are invited to review the consultation questionnaire and indicate whether FCE's response should also address additional sections beyond those listed above.

The Secretariat will circulate a draft response in advance of the next meeting.

**5) Industry Declaration on the Future of the European Automotive Sector**

- The Secretary General informed participants that FCE has been invited to co-sign an upcoming declaration currently being developed under the leadership of Eurogas, as part of ongoing discussions within the Network for Sustainable Mobility (NSM). The declaration is expected to be published during an official event in late September.
- The initiative seeks to expand the group of signatories beyond the current NSM members. In particular, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) will be invited to join, and the

declaration will remain open for endorsement by other trade associations and companies that support the EU's 2050 Net Zero target following its release in September 2025.

- The NSM group is currently assessing whether the preferred methodology for applying a Carbon Correction Factor—based on the approach developed by the Working Group on Monitoring Methodologies (WGMM)—should be explicitly referenced in the text.
- Members discussed whether FCE should co-sign the declaration. While there was general agreement in support of the initiative, members will be given additional time to review the text in more detail before a final decision is made.

#### Action

Members are invited to share their views on whether FCE should co-sign the Declaration and to highlight any concerns by Tuesday, 29 July.

The Secretariat will prepare a brief presentation on the Network for Sustainable Mobility (NSM) in advance of the next meeting.

#### 6) Other policy developments

- The Secretary General provided an update on key EU policy files. The European Commission tabled a revision of the Eurovignette Directive to allow the toll exemption for zero-emission HDVs to continue beyond January 2026. The Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU relaunched discussions on CountEmission EU and aims to reach an agreement on the Energy Taxation Directive review.
- In late June, 18 Member States issued a joint letter raising concerns over price volatility under ETS2. The letter includes five proposals—four requiring legislative revision—focused on ensuring price stability beyond 2031. It does not seek to delay ETS2 or make participation optional. It is specified that FCE Tax Working Group is working on clarifying whether there might be any reporting obligations under ETS2 falling on fleet cards companies.
- On Chinese biofuel imports, while no conclusive evidence of fraud has been found, the European Commission identified systemic weaknesses in certification audits. It is working with Member States to revise certification rules, enhance the Union biofuels database, and introduce updated standards and mandatory traceability by 2026.

#### 7) AOB

- The next WG meeting is scheduled to take place online on 11 September at 14.00 CEST.