

# Sustainability WG Meeting Minutes

23 October 2025



## Minutes and Actions

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

23 October 2025, 14:00 (CEST)

<b>Location</b>	Online	
<b>Chair</b>	Matthias Maedge – Eurowag	
<b>Attendance</b>	John Clifford - WEX Tomáš Janura, MOL Vicky Lloyd - WEX Jenny Pidgeon – Eurowag Michael Mc Dermott – Radius Jakub Szalaty – E100	Secretariat : Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE
<b>Apologies</b>	Antonio Chiesa – DKV Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier – Edenred Laura Cremer-Heesen - DKV Pauline Gain – Edenred Vashti Higgins- Cardtrend	
<b>Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Competition compliance reminder</li> <li>2. Public consultation on CO<sub>2</sub> Emission standards for cars and vans</li> <li>3. FCE position paper on driving decarbonisation in CRT</li> <li>4. Working group on monitoring methodologies of CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral fuels</li> <li>5. Information points</li> <li>6. AOB</li> </ol>	

Before starting the meeting, the Chair expressed concern about the low participation of members and requested the Secretary-General to contact them after the meeting to help ensure stronger participation in future sessions.

The Secretary-General informed the members that the agenda item “*Update on the Sustainable Transport Forum (STF)*” would not be discussed today, as she had not received access to the documentation she had expected. The plenary meeting of the STF is scheduled for 21 November; therefore, this item will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### 1) Competition compliance reminder

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

### 2) Public consultation on CO<sub>2</sub> Emission standards for cars and vans

- The Secretary-General informed participants that FCE's contribution to the European Commission's public consultation questionnaire regarding the revision of CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans was submitted on 10 October 2025.
- The Secretary-General reported that the European Commission has repeatedly expressed its intention to accelerate the review of CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for cars and vans. A legislative package is therefore expected in mid-December 2025 or early 2026, which should include several proposals, among them this revision and the Clean Corporate Vehicle Initiative. The Commission has also indicated—on several occasions—its interest in exploring “flexibilities” and a “technology-neutral approach”, although it has not yet clarified what these might entail.
- So far, the European Commission has not announced any intention to bring forward the revision of CO<sub>2</sub> standards for heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs), with the launch of this work still planned for Q4 2026. Participants agreed that FCE cannot support a revision of CO<sub>2</sub> standards for cars and vans that progresses faster than that for HDVs.
- The Secretary-General noted that there is increasing pushback from a growing number of Member States calling for a revision or repeal of the ICE (internal combustion engine) ban, which is expected to be a major point of discussion at the European Council Summit on 23 October. It was suggested that it would be useful to map the positions of the various Member States on this issue.

#### Action

The Secretariat will continue to closely monitor this file.

### 3) FCE position paper on driving decarbonisation in CRT

- The Secretary-General informed participants that the position paper is expected to be finalised by mid-November 2025 and officially released in early December 2025. The recommendations will be presented at the in-person FCE Board meeting on 8 December 2025, with European Commission officials identified as the main target audience (invitation pending).
- A dinner-debate at the European Parliament, hosted by MEP Alexandr Vondra with the support of Eurowag, is scheduled for early February 2026. This event will be open to all FCE members (initially limited to one representative per member) and will provide an opportunity to further disseminate and discuss FCE's positions on CRT decarbonisation. Additional outreach activities will be defined in due course to complement these efforts.

- The Secretary-General thanked members for their review of the draft position paper, which had been circulated two weeks prior to the meeting. Following the comments received, the Chair and the Secretary-General revised the policy recommendations and their respective justifications.
- In order to adhere to the proposed timeline, participants discussed each recommendation in detail and agreed on several modifications, notably to recommendations 1.2, 1.3, new 2.X, 4.1, 4.2, and 5.3 (see attached slide deck). Given the importance of the document and the limited participation in the meeting, the Secretariat will circulate the updated version of the policy recommendations shortly after the meeting. Members are requested to provide their feedback by Tuesday, 28 October, close of business, to ensure that there are no comments for sign off. The Secretariat will subsequently update the full position paper and circulate it among members for final approval.
- It was highlighted that the final version of the position paper should present a clearer overall structure and explicitly show the interconnection and rationale behind the various policy recommendations.

#### Action

Members are requested to provide their comments on the latest version of the policy recommendations (slide deck, slides 4–10) by 28 October, close of business.

The Secretariat will circulate an updated version of the position paper among members for approval at the earliest opportunity.

The Secretariat will adequately brief Board members in advance of the in-person Board meeting on 8 December 2025.

#### 4) Working group on monitoring methodologies of CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral fuels (WGMM)

- The Secretary-General informed participants that, since the previous meeting, FCE had submitted its request to join the WGMM during the September Board meeting. Following the Board's approval, the Secretariat proceeded with the official membership application, which has also been accepted. FCE's membership in the WGMM will become effective in 2026.
- The Secretary-General reminded participants that the objective of FCE's participation in the WGMM is to advocate for the recognition of fleet cards as a credible method for tracking and reporting CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuel consumption and to ensure that this approach is reflected in the next update of the WGMM's report on monitoring methodologies. To maximise the chances of success, it was agreed that FCE should begin preparing a technical paper internally, outlining how fleet cards can be used to monitor and measure the consumption of CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuels. The Secretariat reiterated its earlier request for members to share relevant documentation and data to support the drafting of this paper.
- Members were also invited to inform the Secretariat of their nominated experts to participate in WGMM meetings. Given the high frequency of these meetings—potentially up to 45 per year—dedicated member involvement will be necessary to ensure consistent

engagement and effective representation. As no volunteers have yet come forward, the Secretariat renewed its call for nominations so that FCE can be fully operational within the WGMM from early 2026. It was noted that FCE's level of participation and representation in all WGMM meetings will be reassessed after the first few months of activity.

#### Action

Members are requested to share relevant documentation and data with the Secretariat to support the drafting of a technical paper outlining how fleet cards can be used to monitor and measure CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuel consumption.

Members are also invited to inform the Secretariat of the experts who can represent FCE in WGMM meetings.

#### 5) Information points

- The Secretary-General informed participants about the **launch of the Clean Transport Corridor Initiative**, which took place on 16 September 2025. The objective of this initiative is to accelerate the deployment of charging infrastructure for heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) along key TEN-T logistics corridors. The first pilot corridors identified under the initiative are the Scandinavia–Mediterranean Corridor and the North Sea–Baltic Corridor. The initiative has been endorsed by nine Member States who committed to prioritising the development of charging infrastructure within their national plans, to fast-track projects benefiting from Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF) funding, and to coordinate the rollout of infrastructure. The next steps include the preparation of a comprehensive roadmap, to be developed jointly by the Member States, the European Commission, and relevant stakeholders, by March 2026. The initiative will subsequently be gradually expanded to include other critical TEN-T corridors.
- The Secretary-General provided an overview of the **European Commission's 2026 Work Programme**, published on 21 October 2025. It was noted that no new initiatives directly relevant to FCE are foreseen beyond the March 2025 Industrial Action Plan for the European Automotive Sector. The Commission's focus will remain on promoting affordable electric vehicles (limited to light-duty vehicles), supporting battery manufacturing, and advancing social leasing schemes. The Work Programme also includes measures aimed at accelerating the deployment of charging infrastructure and increasing the supply of sustainable alternative fuels, although these actions will primarily target the maritime and aviation sectors. The Commission will additionally continue its efforts to simplify existing regulatory frameworks.
- The Secretary-General further reported on the preliminary priorities of the upcoming **Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union**, which will begin in January 2026. The Presidency's agenda is expected to concentrate on air and sea connectivity, the development of ports, and military mobility. Road freight transport and other key regulatory files relevant to FCE do not appear to be central to the Presidency's priorities. Road transport is mentioned only in the context of road safety and its links to ports and airports, indicating a relatively low level of priority for broader road transport policy initiatives during this period.

- The Secretary General informed participants of the European Commission's recent study<sup>1</sup> concerning decarbonisation measures under the framework of the **Emissions Trading System 2** (ETS 2). The study identified a total of twenty-one measures deemed cost-effective, scalable, and replicable, with the objective of delivering substantial short-term impact.
- It was further noted that the Republic of Cyprus, supported by several Central and Eastern European Member States—specifically the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary—is currently circulating a draft letter urging the European Commission to postpone the implementation of ETS 2 until the year 2030.
- During the Environment Council meeting held on 21 October, the European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, Mr. Wopke Hoekstra, presented a series of proposals aimed at enhancing the stability and predictability of the ETS 2 market. These proposals, which are detailed in the accompanying slide deck, address mechanisms for price stability, market liquidity, and the timing of auctions and revenue redistribution. A formal legislative proposal from the European Commission is expected to be published in the coming weeks.

## 6) AOB

- The next WG meeting is scheduled to take place online on 11 December at 14.00 CEST.
- The calendar of meeting dates for the first half of 2026 was shared with the group. It was agreed that the first meeting of the year would be organised in person in Brussels, to coincide with the MEP dinner debate—either the day before or the day after. This meeting will serve as an opportunity to discuss the strategic priorities for the year ahead and to host a debate featuring external speakers.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:2632a916-b222-4df5-b305-a2fec5e6c32f>