

Sustainability WG Meeting

Minutes

19 March 2026



Minutes and Actions

Meeting of the Fleet Cards Europe Sustainability Working Group

19 March 2026, 10:00 (CET)

Location	Online	
Chair	Matthias Maedge – Eurowag	
Attendance	Philipp Anger - DKV Marcel Brouwer – Multi Tank Card Antonio Chiesa – DKV John Clifford - WEX Pablo Combalia Travesset – OnTurtle Laura Cremer-Heesen - DKV Danny Fawcett – Radius Pauline Gain – Edenred Tomáš Janura – MOL Dominik Napp – TankPool24 Sabrina Schulz - DKV	Secretariat : Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE
Apologies	Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier – Edenred Vashti Higgins - Cardtrend Michael Mc Dermott – Radius Jenny Pidgeon – Eurowag Jakub Szalaty – E100 Alexander Zandbergen - TFC	
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1) Competition compliance reminder

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

2) Automotive Package

- The Secretary General presented an overview of the latest developments related to the Automotive Package, with a particular focus on the appointment of rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs within the relevant European Parliament committees, the known positions of certain Member States, and the expected timelines for both the CO₂ emission standards for LDVs and the Clean Corporate Vehicle (CCV) initiative (*see slide deck*).
- It was also noted that FCE co-signed two joint position papers on CO₂ emission standards for LDVs: one with the Network for Sustainable Mobility (NSM), and another with the Working Group on Monitoring Methodologies (WGMM), which is still pending finalisation. Both documents call for greater flexibility, enhanced technological neutrality, and the introduction of a new vehicle category for vehicles running on carbon-neutral fuels.
- Participants reiterated their agreement that the CCV initiative is of key importance, particularly in strengthening FCE's positioning as a representative of corporate fleets and customers. A discussion followed on how FCE should position itself with regard to this initiative. It was agreed that FCE's position should:
 - remain high-level, challenging certain elements of the proposal's design while reaffirming members' commitment to the decarbonisation of road transport;
 - emphasise that HDVs should remain outside the scope of the initiative in its current form;
 - oppose binding targets and instead advocate for genuinely technology-neutral fleet renewable targets;
 - call for tax incentives, not only focused on fleet renewal but also more broadly on private charging infrastructure, depot charging deployment, and measures supporting SMEs in their transition;
 - be supported by robust and concrete data points.
- The position may be revisited as discussions on the CCV initiative progress.
- Once the position paper has sufficiently advanced, the Secretariat will identify relevant stakeholders to engage with, both within the European Parliament and the Council, as well as among mobility stakeholders, and will prepare a clear outreach strategy.

Action

The Secretariat to draft a position paper on the CCV initiative and circulate it among members for review.

3) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

- The Secretary General informed the group that the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) (EU) No 651/2014 declares certain categories of State aid compatible with the internal market, provided that specific conditions are met. The current scope of aid compatibility is limited to energy and hydrogen infrastructure (Article 36a). It was noted that, last year, the European Commission prohibited the Czech government from funding refuelling infrastructure for Bio-LNG under this provision.
- The Regulation is currently under revision, and a public consultation is open until 23 April 2026. The draft revision continues to limit State aid to recharging and refuelling infrastructure supplying electricity and hydrogen only (Article 53). It was therefore suggested that FCE submit a response to the public consultation.
- The group agreed that FCE should take a position in the public consultation, advocating for an amendment to Article 53 to include alternative fuels as eligible. The group emphasised that such an amendment would be necessary to enable the achievement of RED III targets.

Action

The Secretariat to draft a reply to the public consultation on the GBER and circulate it among members for review

4) DG MOVE survey on administrative burden

- The Secretary General informed the group that DG MOVE has tasked an external provider (Ricardo) with conducting a survey on administrative burdens linked to EU transport legislation. The survey invites respondents to share their views on the operational implications of implementing selected pieces of legislation, focusing on the administrative burden involved, associated staff costs, and the degree of digitalisation of the processes. It was noted that the focus of the consultation is not on sustainability itself, but rather on the practical implementation and operationalisation of legislation followed by the Sustainability Working Group. The deadline for completing the survey is 2 April.
- Members willing to participate are requested to notify the Secretariat by 25 March (end of business) at the latest and indicate whether they wish to respond individually or prefer to submit a joint contribution.

Action

The Secretariat will follow up depending on Members' interest.

5) WGMM – Fleet cards monitoring methodologies

- DKV presented to the group a technical outline they have drafted, which aims to demonstrate how fuel cards can be used to monitor the consumption of carbon-neutral fuels. The document explains how carbon-neutral fuel use can be tracked at the transaction level, based on different product codes, and highlights the requirements for effective monitoring, including the need for reliable product codes and timely provision of certificates from fuel suppliers.
- The Chair welcomed the document and thanked DKV for their work, noting that the draft is of high quality. He highlighted that some positive aspects could be more explicitly emphasised, such as the prevention of double counting and full applicability to both physical and virtual fuel distribution. The Chair also suggested not presenting the limitations at this stage, allowing the discussion to continue within the WGMM to determine whether it would be appropriate to include them later.
- It was noted that a monitoring methodology for the use of carbon-neutral fuels will be adopted in the form of a delegated act only if a new vehicle class for vehicles running exclusively on carbon-neutral fuels is included in the current revision of the CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans.
- The Secretary General informed the group that FCE has been invited to present fleet cards and their use cases during a public webinar to be organised by the WGMM in Q2. In addition, FCE has been invited to provide a high-level presentation on fleet cards at the Technical Sub-Group 1 meeting on 23 March.
- Members are requested to share their comments on the draft technical outline by 31 March to allow it to be submitted to the WGMM Secretariat. The draft will undergo a legal review before being formally presented to the group for discussion and, hopefully, endorsement.

Action

Members should send their comments on the draft by 31 March.

The Secretariat will follow up with the WGMM Technical Sub-Group to coordinate FCE's participation.

6) AFIR review

- The group was informed that updates on the latest discussions surrounding the AFIR review are available in the slide deck; however, these were not presented in full due to time constraints. It was noted that a public consultation is planned for Q2 2026. Once published, it will be analysed to determine whether FCE should take a position.

Action

The Secretariat to continue monitoring developments related to the AFIR.

7) Legislative tracker tool

- The Secretary General informed the group that a new monitoring tool, called the legislative tracker (an Excel file), has been shared ahead of the meeting and will now be used to regularly inform members about developments on files of interest, as identified in the 2026 Roadmap.
- The tool provides a comprehensive overview of the various files and will be updated on a monthly basis. Updates will first be circulated by email and later made available on the intranet once it is launched. It was also noted that the document will be complemented by a “who’s who heatmap” for the files listed under “Influence” in the Roadmap.

8) AOB

- The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for **21 April at 10:00 CEST**.