

Sustainability WG Meeting

Minutes

21 April 2026



Minutes and Actions

Meeting of the Fleet Cards Europe Sustainability Working Group

21 April 2026, 10:00 (CEST)

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 Danny Fawcett – Radius Vashti Higgins - Cardtrend Michael Mc Dermott – Radius Jenny Pidgeon – Eurowag	<u>FCE Secretariat :</u> Aurélie Decker Peigneur Mario Martinez de Butron Garcia
Apologies	Delphine Chilese-Lemarinier – Edenred Pauline Gain – Edenred Jochem de Graaf – Travis Road Services Tomáš Janura – MOL	
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1) Competition compliance reminder

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

2) Welcoming new participant

- Mario Martínez de Butrón García, FCE's new Communications and External Relations Assistant was introduced to the group.

3) Automotive Package

- The Secretary General presented an overview of the latest developments related to the Automotive Package, with a particular focus on CO₂ emission standards for LDVs and the Clean Corporate Vehicle (CCV) initiative (see *slide deck*). The most significant development since the last meeting was the adoption by the German coalition of its official position on both files.
- The Secretary General introduced the draft position paper on Clean Corporate Vehicles circulated ahead of the meeting. During the discussion, participants underlined that FCE's proposal regarding Article 3 of the draft regulation represents a significant shift in approach compared to the European Commission's initial proposal. Some participants considered it a valid approach, although further refinement is needed to address specific challenges and ensure its effectiveness.
- During the discussion, members were invited to revert to the Secretariat by 30 April with their views on the proposal, in particular:
 - whether the scope of application should remain limited to large undertakings as defined by the European Commission, or instead be based on a threshold linked to fleet size (i.e. number of vehicles), thereby replacing the financial threshold with a numerical one.
 - whether they support replacing purchase mandate targets with fleet-based emission targets, and if so, their preferred solutions and recommendations to address key challenges in making the alternative approach effective (e.g. data availability, accuracy, reporting requirements, differentiation between vehicle types within the same fleet, etc.).
 - whether they support introducing conditionality whereby companies would only be subject to fleet-based emission targets if the Member States in which they operate have transposed RED III (recognising the need for all decarbonisation tools to be available).
- The objective is to circulate a first revised version of the paper in early May.
- The Secretary General also presented a proposal for an outreach and advocacy strategy (see *slide deck*). It was agreed that, although some aspects of the fleet-based emission targets proposal still need to be further defined, it is worthwhile for the FCE Secretariat to begin disseminating the proposal in the form of a discussion paper mid-May. This would help gauge decision-makers' appetite for a shift from binding purchase mandates to technology-neutral, fleet-based emission targets. The Working Group will continue refining its position internally, taking into account feedback from initial outreach. The Secretariat will keep members regularly informed of progress and will also reach out to specific members to facilitate engagement and meetings with targeted decision-makers.

Action

Members are invited to send their comments and recommendations on the CCV draft position paper to the Secretariat no later than 30 April.

The Secretariat will finalise a preliminary discussion paper and initiate the implementation of the outreach and advocacy strategy. It will provide regular updates to members.

4) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

- The Secretary General presented FCE's draft contribution to the public consultation on the proposed revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). The document is limited to welcoming the revision of the Regulation and to advocating for expanding the scope of Article 53 beyond electricity and hydrogen to include all renewable fuels defined in RED III (such as biofuels and RFNBOs), in order to ensure a more cost-effective and comprehensive transition. Participants agreed that the draft response is straightforward.
- As the public consultation closes on 23 April 2026, it was agreed that any member wishing to comment on the text should contact the Secretariat by the end of the day. In the absence of comments, the draft will be considered endorsed.

Action

Members are invited to send any comments to the Secretariat by the end of business today.

The Secretariat will submit FCE's reply to the public consultation on the GBER by 23 April 2026.

5) WGMM – Fleet cards monitoring methodologies

- The Secretary General informed the group that a one-page technical abstract presenting fuel cards as a methodology for monitoring the use of carbon-neutral fuels has been submitted to the WGMM. The Chairs of WGMM SG1 have raised concerns relating to potential fraud and the ability to link fuel consumption to a specific vehicle.
- The group noted that these concerns can be addressed by clarifying that fuel cards are typically linked to a vehicle's licence plate number; that specific fuel types can be assigned to a card (thereby preventing refuelling with conventional fuels); and that volume, velocity, or product-category limits can be applied. The data is available in real time and control can be further enhanced when combined with telematics.
- A group of members volunteering to work more closely on this issue will meet with the WGMM SG1 Chairs this afternoon to better understand their concerns and identify appropriate solutions, with a view to securing recognition of fuel cards as the 12th approved methodology. The Secretary General also informed members of ongoing discussions within the WGMM on whether to reduce the number of recognised methodologies or, alternatively, to cluster them to streamline the list and facilitate advocacy efforts.

- It was also noted that fuel cards will be presented during a public webinar organised by the WGMM on 7 May.

Action

The Secretariat and interested members will continue to engage with the WGMM Technical Sub-Group 1 to support the recognition of fuel cards as a new monitoring methodology.

6) Chair appointment

- In the absence of alternative candidates, the outgoing Chair, Matthias Maedge (Eurowag), was reappointed for an additional one-year term with the full support of the members. He noted that, while the Sustainability Working Group addresses complex topics, it has begun to build strong momentum, which provides a solid foundation for further progress.

7) AOB

- The Secretary General informed participants that the **GHG Technical Group on Scope 3 Emissions Reporting** is considering the introduction of a new Category 16 covering “*other value chain activities*.” This category would include several sub-categories, notably 16.6 (“*Commodities*”) and 16.8 (“*Other facilitated services*”). The Secretariat will circulate the draft GHG working document following the meeting for members to review and assess internally. A public consultation is expected in the second half of 2026, with the final revised standard anticipated in 2027. Members who, following their internal review, believe it would be useful to analyse the potential impact collectively are invited to inform the Secretariat.
- The group was also informed that **ACEA** has published a mapping of tax benefits and incentives for zero-emission vehicle acquisition, as well as charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, across the EU, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The document is available [here](#).
- Participants’ attention was drawn to the **European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)**, organised by the European Commission from 9 to 11 June 2026. The event will take place in a hybrid format, and the full programme is now available [online](#). In particular, the panel entitled “*E-mobility and grid: creating the perfect match for Europe’s energy autonomy and competitiveness*,” scheduled for 10 June, may be of interest to members.
- The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for **18 June at 10:00 CEST**.