

COUNCIL GENERAL APPROACH ON EURO 7 IS MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER AIR QUALITY

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The Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst, AECC AISBL, notes the COMPET Council has today reached a General Approach on the Euro 7 legislative proposal for cars, vans, trucks and buses.

The **Council's agreement would significantly weaken the Euro 7 proposal** of the European Commission in parallel to delaying its implementation. A key and overarching objective of Euro 7 is to set fuel-neutral limits and it is staggering that even this is abandoned by Council for light-duty vehicles, simply keeping Euro 6 limits and test conditions for exhaust emissions. For heavy-duty vehicles, Euro VI test procedures are not addressing significant shortcomings for cold-start and low-load operation in urban environments.

AECC calls on the European Parliament to take a more ambitious approach on Euro 7, to be consistent with recent developments in other dossiers, as these are reinforcing the need for robust Euro 7 standards. The European Parliament requests higher ambition on future air quality standards and Euro 7 is one of the main instruments for EU Member States, regions and cities to meet those future ambient air requirements. Millions of vehicles with internal combustion engines will be sold in the next years and these should contribute to air quality improvements. The recent TRAN committee opinion report on the review of the heavy-duty CO₂ emissions standards furthermore indicates a longer-term perspective for internal combustion engines running on sustainable renewable fuels, which offers technology options to achieve the future climate targets.

AECC encourages the co-legislators to continue working on robust Euro 7 standards and their swift adoption before the upcoming EU elections in June 2024. This is necessary to enable a prompt implementation of the new Euro 7 legislation. Such prompt implementation of a robust Euro 7 is necessary, feasible, affordable and will make Europe more competitive, as can be seen in AECC's fact sheet on Euro 7 [here](#). AECC has demonstrated that emission control technologies to achieve the originally proposed Euro 7 exhaust emissions standards are available today.

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