

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REPORT ON EURO 7 FALLS SHORT FOR BETTER AIR QUALITY

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The Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst, AECC AISBL, noted the European Parliament today adopted its report on the Euro 7 legislative proposal for cars, vans, trucks and buses.

The **European Parliament significantly weakens the Euro 7 proposal of the European Commission in parallel to delaying its implementation**. This is in contrast with its own report on the Revision of the Air Quality Directive from 13 September 2023, where the European Parliament requests higher ambition than the proposal from the European Commission. As a consequence, Euro 7 would fall short as a supporting tool for better air quality. For example, only minor adjustments are made to test conditions. Especially for heavy-duty vehicles, Euro VI test procedures are nearly kept, not addressing significant shortcomings for cold-start and low-load operation in urban environments.

However, in contrast to the Council's General Approach on Euro 7 dated 25 September 2023, the **European Parliament report retains key overarching objectives of Euro 7** from the Commission Proposal. It maintains setting fuel-neutral limits for light-duty vehicles, and allows shorter trips with the application of an emissions budget up to 10 km. It also keeps the PN10 procedures developed at UNECE and which are already adopted and endorsed by the EU.

**AECC calls on the co-legislators to maintain these key overarching objectives for exhaust emissions of vehicles during the Euro 7 trilogue**. These are necessary to develop Euro 7 with a minimum sensible level of ambition. Millions of vehicles with internal combustion engines will be sold in the next decades and these should contribute to air quality improvements.

AECC encourages the co-legislators to continue working on swift adoption of Euro 7 before the upcoming EU elections in June 2024. This is necessary to enable a prompt implementation of the new Euro 7 legislation. Such 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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