

## Press Release

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### European Parliament voted to ban combustion engine cars from 2035

The European Council for Motor Trades and Repairs (CECRA) takes note of the European Parliament's plenary vote of yesterday reducing 100% CO<sub>2</sub> in 2035, prohibiting internal combustion engines.

CECRA supports, in principle, the overall political ambitions of the [#Fitfor55](#) package. However, to achieve the climate objectives and not lose support in the long run, together with several other automotive stakeholders, it is still convinced about the necessity of a technology-mix that embraces ALL relevant solutions to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions without ignoring the varied realities of people's lives and industry's needs. We need to achieve the right balance!

Decarbonising road transport should not be socially and economically disruptive. Recent developments such as the pandemic and the war in Ukraine increase uncertainties. Raw material and energy prices have been on the rise for an extended period. The reliance on few supply sources poses critical risks to our European industrial base.

Electrification of mobility may help reducing fossil fuel imports in the long term but at the same time it bears the risk of creating new dependencies on raw material and battery cell imports, keeping value creation outside Europe.

As said, the automotive sales and repair businesses support all new technologies to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, however, it is essential to move forward offering a certain transitional period which is crucial to prepare our businesses for the upcoming challenges and thereby ensuring high qualified maintenance and repair of the cars of tomorrow.

The entire automotive value chain, including dealers and repairers, is facing enormous challenges to level up and to reach the set targets. We all share the same opinion that the deployment of massive sales of zero-emission vehicles is only reachable if an extended infrastructure of recharging stations is available! The industry as well as the overall public opinion are questioning the speed of its deployment. Many potential customers remain reluctant and will only swift towards zero-emission vehicles once a widespread recharging infrastructure is deployed.

The European Council of Ministers will meet on 28 June. CECRA hopes Government ministers from each EU country will evaluate and take into account the above-mentioned uncertainties and take into account the arguments of all European stakeholders as well as the expectations of their respective citizens when deciding.

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