



Press Release

ANFIA EXPRESSES ALARM AT THE OUTCOME OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S VOTE ON CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM CARS AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

The proposed tightening of the targets for the automotive sector will not be sustainable and will be further exacerbated if the imposed quota for electric vehicles is not achieved

Turin, 3rd October 2018 - The European Parliament has just voted a few hours ago in the plenary on the proposal for a Regulation to reduce CO₂ emissions from passenger cars and light commercial vehicles registered after 2020. This initial proposal by the European Commission has now been tightened further, increasing the target from 15% to 20% by 2025 and from 30% to 40% by 2030.

"ANFIA expresses its utmost concern about the outcome of today's vote, considering that such aggressive targets for the automotive sector are unsustainable. Added to this is the further tightening of the reduction targets by up to 5% for car manufacturers if they fail to achieve the required percentage of electric vehicles sold (20% by 2025 and 35% by 2030) - declares Aurelio Nervo, President of ANFIA.

The outcome of this vote will have serious negative effects on employment across the entire automotive production sector, forcing the industry to carry out radical transformations in record time. This will happen in the absence of an adequate framework for the transition to zero-impact mobility, and this does not take into account the principle of technological neutrality. A transition that, moreover, would require the involvement of several stakeholders, both for the implementation of the necessary recharging infrastructure and to reach a proposal that would be acceptable to the market. Today, in fact, recharging facilities are severely lacking in Europe and Italy which, together with the high costs of electric vehicles that are still prevalent, also this will cause difficulties for the consumers who are called upon to radically change their purchasing habits which are usually based on the cost-effectiveness of the vehicle and the availability of such infrastructure. This principle applies even more so to users of light commercial vehicles who have to carry out specialist tasks.

It is hoped - concludes Nervo - that the Italian government will show a balanced position between the need for decarbonisation and the sustainability of the manufacturing sector and that they will support the initial proposals of the European Commission at the next 'Environment' Council on 9th October. However, at the same time, it is hoped that the Italian government will work to safeguard a sector made up of 5,700 companies employing more than 253,000 people (66,000 of whom are employed to produce internal combustion vehicles and their engines, and about 14,000 in the production of transmissions, exhaust systems and auxiliary systems), which in recent years has been the driving force behind the economic recovery of our country".

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