

EV100 urges MEPs to extend the Eurovignette Exemption Period for Zero-Emission Heavy Duty Vehicles

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Ahead of the plenary vote in the European Parliament, EV100 urges MEPs to extend the power for Member States to exempt zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) from road tolls and user charges as part of Eurovignette Directive 2022/362 until 30th June 2031.

Tolls can account for around 6% of the total cost of ownership (TCO) for a long-haul battery electric truck.¹ With commercial fleets like Climate Group's EV100 members reporting high TCO as the biggest barrier to HDV decarbonisation, the extension of a full exemption power is a quick and effective step to improve the business case for fleet transition. It will support Europe in achieving its road transport decarbonisation targets, providing an important demand signal to aid implementation of Regulation (EU) 2024/1610 on CO₂ emission standards for new HDVs and the deployment of charging infrastructure along the TEN-T networks.

We urge the European Parliament to swiftly adopt the Commission's proposal as it is and ensure that this exemption applies exclusively to battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs). These are the only technologies that can currently deliver zero tailpipe emissions and align fully with the EU's climate targets and long-term vision for a zero-emission transport system.

¹ 'A total cost of ownership comparison of truck decarbonisation pathways in Europe, International Council on Clean Transportation, November 2023. <https://theicct.org/publication/total-cost-ownership-trucks-europe-nov23/>

With a network of 120 companies, EV100 includes the biggest transporters and shippers in Europe committed to purchasing and/or procuring only zero-emission medium-duty vehicles from 2035 and HDVs from 2040. Maintaining the exemption period for zero-emission trucks in the Eurovignette is a crucial step in this timeframe to ensure companies reap the benefits of a falling TCO as vehicle and battery prices come down.

About EV100

[EV100](#) is a global initiative led by Climate Group. It is a coalition of companies driving the transition to zero-emission road transport by committing to electrifying their fleets.