



# EUROPEAN AUTOMOBILE CLUBS

WHITE PAPER





# INTRODUCTION

**Mobility and transport concern all European citizens and are a prerequisite for our socio-economic lives across internal borders. It is not clear how the traffic of the future will be composed. What is clear is that change is needed.**

The transport sector consumes a third of all final energy in the EU and is responsible for more than a quarter of the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions. Given this high number, the EU has set itself the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and being climate neutral by 2050. This is possible through ambitious political measures, which the EAC fully supports.

A prerequisite for a successful international transport transition is a European, independent energy transition.

**The European Green Deal calls for a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from transport sector, built on 3 pillars:**

1. Making all modes of transport more sustainable.
2. Provide sustainable alternatives in a multi-modal transport system.
3. Create the right incentives to drive the transition.

For success, it is essential that the EU and Member States also invest more quickly and consistently in the necessary framework conditions for this transition.

**Therefore, EAC supports EU key measures to reduce and transition to low-emission mobility in the transport sector:**

1. Shifting passenger and freight transport to the railways.
2. Change to alternative drives in road transport.
3. Expansion of the infrastructure for electromobility and hydrogen, combined with the provision of the necessary quantities of green electricity.
4. Consistent expansion of local public transport, especially in rural regions without connections.
5. Digital interconnection in the mobility sector.

As a pioneer, Europe must set the regulatory course for a consumer-friendly and modern mobility.

To this end, a uniform European legal framework must be created.

All measures must be effective in terms of climate policy, economically efficient and competitively neutral.

The traffic and transport sector needs planning and investment security in order to actively drive forward the transformation.

# WHO WE ARE

The association “European Automobile Clubs asbl” (EAC) is a merger of six automobile clubs from four countries with its head office in Brussels and a representation in Berlin.

These include:

-  ACV Automobil-Club Verkehr
-  AKSR Autoklub Slovenske Republike
-  AMS RS Automobile and Motorcycle Association of the Republic of Srpska
-  ARBÖ Auto-, Motor- und Radfahrerbund Österreichs
-  ARCD Auto- und Reiseclub Deutschland
-  Automobilclub Kraftfahrer-Schutz e.V.



# WHAT WE DO

As multinational, politically independent organisation, EAC represents the interests of approximately 3 million consumers vis-à-vis European institutions and political actors.

As representatives of European citizens, EAC advocates for:

- borderless experienced mobility
- open to technology
- harmonisation of traffic regulations
- climate- and social-friendly mobility
- enhance road safety

Through concrete actions of our member clubs, we increase safety in multimodal road transport and are always looking for innovative solutions that improve and secure the daily life of European citizens on and next to the road.

# OUR MISSION

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**As partner for mobility our vision is: Making Europe a borderless (driving-) experience.**

To achieve this, it is necessary to harmonise traffic regulations between EU member states and advance new and emerging technologies – for a more secure and sustainable homogeneous European transport system.

We see ourselves as interpreters in the dialogue between consumers and politics.

We want to anchor the importance of individual mobility even more firmly in the minds of politicians and citizens, improve the European framework conditions for the transport sector and make European transport policy comprehensible to everyone.



# WE STAND FOR

**EAC stands for multimodal, sustainable and innovative transport concepts and advocates for transport policy solutions addressing economic, social and environmental aspects in a balanced manner.**

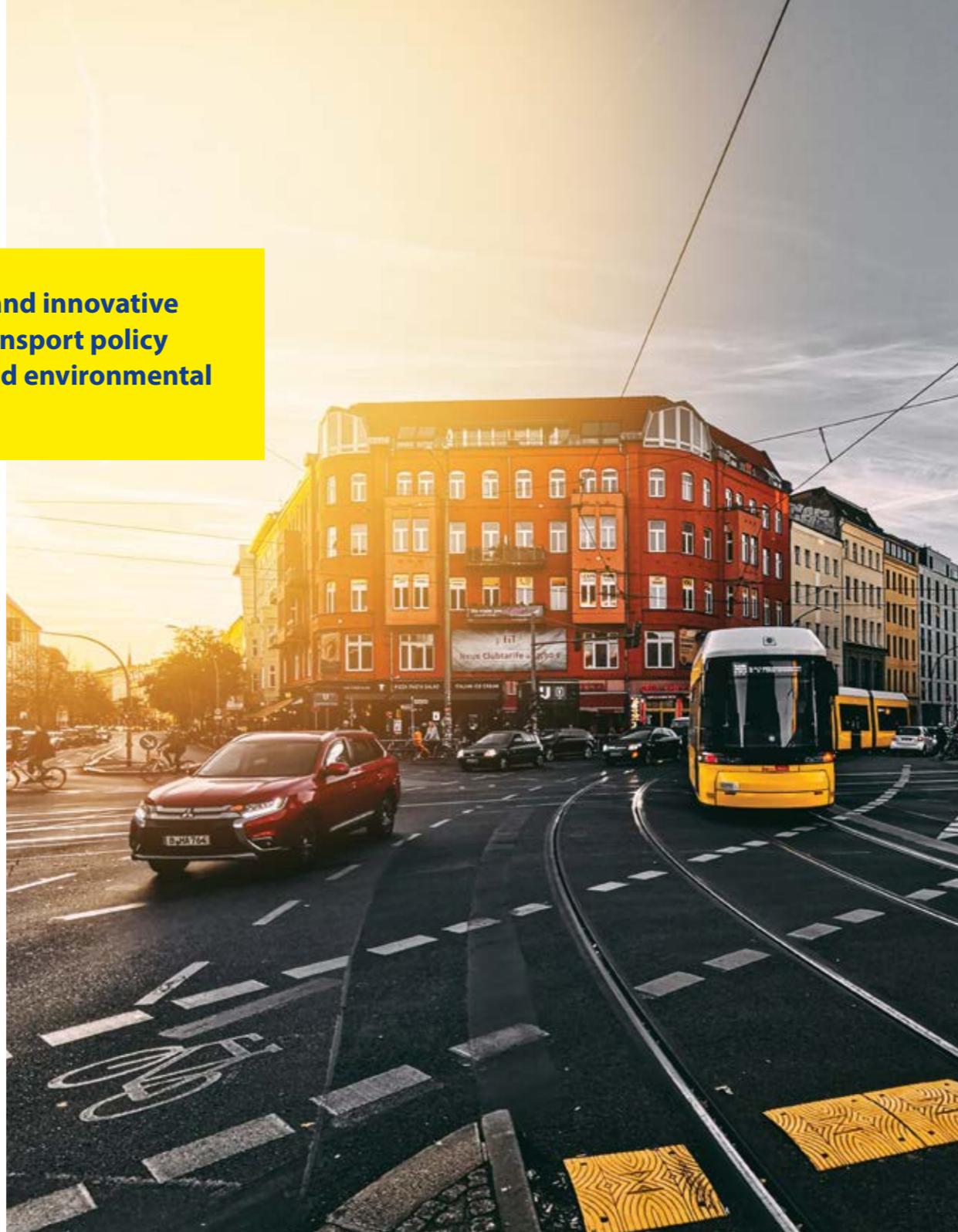
**The EAC clearly focuses on the mobility needs of the people in Europe. For us, all forms of mobility count – not only the car.**

The EAC advocates for more clarity in EU transport law and elaborate sustainable solutions for future changes in transport composition – to promote mobility in Europe.

The EAC advocates the introduction of a European toll system and the reduction of cross-border regulatory confusion.

## Europe-wide framework conditions

- Transport transition can only be successful internationally and requires a coordinated framework at EU level.
- Mobility in Europe requires a comprehensive, publicly accessible charging and refuelling infrastructure, as well as harmonised payment options, such as uniform ad-hoc payment methods.



- Individual geographical and transport characteristics, such as usage patterns, needs, infrastructure, pre-conditions and cultural differences in the European Member States need to be taken into consideration.
- Europe-wide travel across internal borders must be uncomplicated and user-friendly. Intelligent trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) must be expanded quickly.

## Open to technology

- There's no one solution for future mobility. We are open to technology in motorised individual transport.
- For us, technology openness means: neutral assessment of technology use for different sectors.
- EAC advocates a sector-dependent use of different energy sources. All metrics and accounting methods

of energy carriers must be included in the assessment so that the most sensible energy carrier can be identified for the respective sector.

- Existing technologies must be used and combined sensibly. Without e-fuels, the energy transition in road transport cannot succeed in the short term.

Therefore, the EAC supports the research and further development of alternative drives and rejects a political focus on specific individual technologies.

- Whether battery, hydrogen or synthetic fuels: we need a level playing field and competitive conditions. The electricity used in the transport sector must be generated in a 100% greenhouse gas-neutral manner and the energetic upstream chain of the energy sources used should be considered holistically.

## Multimodal mobility

- Attractive measures must promote the transition to sustainable mobility, charging infrastructure must be expanded, public transport, cycling and walking and the role of new mobility service providers must be strengthened, especially in rural areas.
- Objective: Increase the attractiveness of sustainable mobility, facilitate multimodality, make mobility data available.
- Encourage new forms of travel, e.g. by intelligently combining different modes of transport.
- Simple, uniform ticketing and payment system for travel within the EU.
- A prerequisite for future mobility is an efficient mobile data network throughout Europe.

## Preserve individual mobility

- Consumers choice must not be restricted.
- Driving must not be a luxury for the few.
- Transformation must not take place at the expense of low-income earners and the population in rural areas. intelligent interconnection against mobility poverty
- Needs-oriented redesign of transport area.

- Focus on the needs of the people.
- Market-ready and affordable alternatives are needed.
- The EAC advocates fair access to the vehicle data generated.

## Road safety

- The EAC fully supports the Vision Zero goal.
- Road traffic must be made safe through intelligent infrastructure, especially for vulnerable groups such as children, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Digitality, connectivity and automation offer potential to reduce the risk of road accidents.
- The EAC is committed to improving road safety across national borders and reducing the performance gap between member states. Joint commitment is needed here – our member clubs are showing the way!



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