



### More personal responsibility – less prohibitions: EAC welcomes compromise for EU driving licence reform

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EU transport ministers have agreed on a compromise for new driving license rules. In future, a medical self-assessment will be sufficient to renew a driving licence. Obligatory medical examinations of physical and mental fitness to drive a vehicle are off the table. The interest group EAC European Automobile Clubs welcomes this decision.

“Senior citizens should be able to independently assess whether they are physically and mentally capable of driving a vehicle safely. Voluntary roadworthiness tests without fear of licence revocation are more effective than obligatory medical checks solely for reasons of age,” says EAC President Holger Küster.

The fact is: When older drivers are involved in accidents, they are more often primarily to blame than younger drivers. However, measured against their share of the total population, older people are less likely to be involved in accidents and are more risk-conscious and responsible road users.

EAC welcomes the decision to introduce accompanied driving throughout Europe: “Accompanied driving is a real success story and an important factor in the training of safe drivers. The Europe-wide introduction of accompanied driving is an important step towards Vision Zero,” says Holger Küster.

The vote on the draft report in the EU Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) will follow on Thursday. EAC is calling for a clear signal:

"The Transport Committee should clearly position itself in the interests of the citizens against the absurd and unrealistic proposals of a night driving ban and the introduction of a new driving licence category B+ for heavier vehicles. These proposals are not compatible with the reality of life for millions of Europeans. Individual mobility is essential for social and societal participation. Neither senior citizens nor young people should be excluded for ideological reasons."

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The interest group EAC European Automobile Clubs represents the interests of approximately 3 million consumers vis à-vis European institutions and political actors. EAC advocates for borderless experienced mobility, open to technology, harmonization of traffic regulations, climate- and social-friendly mobility and enhancing road safety.

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