



Infrastructure for alternative fuels: one charging point every 60 km is not enough!

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The European Commission and the European Parliament have agreed on binding targets for the development of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR) for cars and trucks. In future, drivers should be able to recharge their cars along the main European traffic axes at least every 60 kilometers. In addition, hydrogen filling stations are to be built every 200 kilometers.

EAC President Holger Küster sees an urgent need for action:

"Currently, around 70 percent of all charging stations for e-cars are located in only three member states, in Germany, France and the Netherlands. Accordingly, more speed is needed to advance the expansion of necessary infrastructure, especially in Central and Eastern European member states."

From 2025, fast-charging stations with at least 150 kW capacity are to be installed every 60 km on the routes of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T). From EAC's point of view, a shorter distance would be necessary so that motorists can use sufficient charging options. The obligation to provide a charging capacity of 1.3 kW for every registered battery-powered vehicle via a publicly accessible charging infrastructure is also not considered ambitious enough, EAC criticized.

In addition, hydrogen refueling infrastructure that can serve both cars and lorries must be deployed from 2030 onwards in all urban nodes and every 200 km along the TEN-T network. In the opinion of the EAC the targeted network for hydrogen vehicle is not dense enough - a more ambitious target would be necessary for a ramp-up. The EAC welcomes the mandatory full price transparency and the provision of uniform ad-hoc payment methods with debit or credit card by operators of electric charging stations and hydrogen refueling stations.

"Driving and charging a battery and hydrogen-powered vehicle must be just as easy and affordable as refueling conventional vehicles," explains Küster.

Therefore, the EAC advocates eFuels as an additional option - especially regarding the solutions for the current long-life vehicle fleet. In principle, the EAC welcomes the agreement with clear and binding targets for the expansion of the European refueling and charging infrastructure.

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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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