

**A missed opportunity: the final vote in Parliament on HDV CO<sub>2</sub> standards postpones a potential role for CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuels by more than a year.**

**Brussels, 10 April 2024:** With today's vote, the Parliament has officially walked back the support to the role of CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuels it had approved in the November 2023 Plenary.

Liana Gouta, Director General of FuelsEurope, stated: *“Despite the inclusion of a recital which requests the Commission to make a proposal for a methodology to recognise HDVs using exclusively and permanently CO<sub>2</sub> neutral fuels as zero emission vehicles within a year after the entry into of the regulation, CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral fuels have in fact been denied the possibility to contribute to the objective of the CO<sub>2</sub> standards for HDV. The delay for potential recognition of the fuels is a bad signal for potential investors in renewable fuels, not just for the decarbonisation of new vehicles and existing fleets, but also for aviation and maritime transport”.*

FuelsEurope looks forward to the Commission's report by 2025, as a part of a broader strategy for the deployment of sustainable renewable fuels in the transition towards climate neutrality, and the revision of the HDV CO<sub>2</sub> standards regulation in 2027 or earlier. We are confident that the EU Institutions will recognise the benefits of sustainable, renewable fuels as a complementary route - side by side with electrification and other low-carbon technologies - to an accelerated, efficient and affordable decarbonisation of the HDV sector.

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