

FuelsEurope is concerned by the several proposals restricting or banning use of diesel vehicles into cities.

As a result of a continued R&D effort of the oil refining and of the automotive industry, as well as major investments over the last decades, clean diesel fuels have enabled the development of diesel vehicles with the lowest tailpipe emissions in the world.

The EURO 6 standard (applicable to all new car sold from September 2015 on) and the ever wider utilization of advanced technique like the start/stop function, are further reducing the impact of diesel vehicles on urban air quality.

FuelsEurope believes that, to avoid detrimental impacts on urban mobility, authorities should rather focus on measures which would more effectively address the transport-related air pollution, including:

- Enforcement of maintenance standard and regular control of emissions from the vehicles in use;
- Facilitate the turnover of the vehicle fleet, including an accelerated scrappage of the oldest and most polluting vehicles;
- Adoption of smart traffic control systems
- Address non-road applications

We believe that the implementation of such measures would substantially address the air quality concerns whilst maintaining the practicality and cost-effectiveness of modern diesel vehicles.

FuelsEurope, the voice of the European petroleum refining industry

FuelsEurope represents with the EU institutions the interest of 42 companies operating refineries in the EU. Members account for almost 100% of EU petroleum refining capacity and more than 75% of EU motor fuel retail sales.

FuelsEurope aims to promote economically and environmentally sustainable refining, supply and use of petroleum products in the EU, by providing input and expert advice to the EU institutions, Member State Governments and the wider community and thus contributing in a constructive and pro-active way to the development and implementation of EU policies and regulations.

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