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European cities are facing increased pressure to take action to ensure compliance with nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter (PM) air quality standards. FuelsEurope supports the continuation of measures at EU, national and city level to reduce the emissions from the use of petroleum fuels in transport, as part of overall air quality improvement plans. We believe that the combination of advancements in technology coupled with specific targeted mitigation measures will achieve the most efficient air quality improvements in cities, while respecting a technology neutral approach.

**We support:**

- Implementation of targeted, specific mitigation measures based on sound science and the specific needs of a particular region or city. These measures should be developed on a cost effective and predictable basis without disadvantage to businesses and consumers and could include:
  - Low emission zones in city centres that restrict higher emitting vehicles on a technology neutral basis.
  - Prohibiting the circulation of poorly maintained or illegally modified vehicles with respect to emissions.
  - Targeted measures, including retrofitting, for fleets operating in urban areas, such as buses and taxis.
  - Management of traffic flows and infrastructure.
  - Providing a variety of mobility options in order to reduce traffic.
- Robust implementation of the latest RDE compliant technology for new vehicles: passenger cars, light and heavy commercial vehicles.
- Scrappage schemes to accelerate fleet turnover to new, lower emission vehicles, which are RDE compliant.
- Investment in ICE technology to encourage rapid progress towards lower emission vehicles.

**We believe:**

- The internal combustion engine still has considerable potential to make a major contribution to clean mobility with the latest technology enabling further reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM.
- The regulatory framework should be technology neutral and promote innovative solutions.
- Accelerated market availability and penetration of RDE-compliant vehicles will contribute to urban air quality improvements.
- Air quality issues can be successfully tackled if investment continues into all kinds of low emission vehicles, in combination with programs that address significant emission sources from all sectors.
- A mix of fuels and energies for transport, such as biofuels, natural gas (LNG, CNG, biogas), LPG, electricity, hydrogen and other alternative fuels can be part of the solution for air quality improvement.

**For its part:**

- The fuels refining industry remains committed to delivering high quality, innovative products that will support efforts by other stakeholders and consumers to improve urban air quality.

**FuelsEurope, the voice of the European petroleum refining industry**

FuelsEurope represents with the EU institutions the interest of 41 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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