

**Question for written answer E-002976/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Balancing green transition goals and the competitiveness of Europe's car industry

The European car industry is a cornerstone of our economy, supporting millions of jobs and driving innovation. However, concerns have been raised that current EU emission standards and related policies (including fines and the phasing out of the combustion engine) risk undermining the sector's competitiveness and capacity to invest in the green transition.

Issues include high fines for non-compliance, which divert resources away from investments in sustainable car technologies; rising vehicle prices, particularly for smaller combustion engine models, which make cars less affordable for European consumers; and job losses across the EU as domestic car production struggles to compete with increasing imports of non-EU vehicles (even after EU tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles).

In the light of these challenges and within the framework of the strategic dialogue on the future of Europe's car industry:

1. Is the Commission willing to review the current regime of fines and emission standards to better balance environmental objectives with the economic sustainability of Europe's car industry?
2. Will the Commission consider refraining from implementing the 2035 ban on combustion engines? If not, is it willing to delay its date of entry into force to allow the industry more time to adapt?

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