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Subject: Emission reduction targets for heavy-duty vehicles

Regulation (EU) 2019/1242, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/1610, sets unprecedented CO₂ reduction targets for new heavy-duty vehicles: -15 % by 2025, -43 % by 2030, and -64 % by 2035 compared to 2019 levels.

However, these targets expose EU manufacturers to significant fines, even though several external factors are preventing the necessary market uptake of zero-emission models.

Only around 3-4 % of new heavy-duty vehicles registered today are zero-emission. The main obstacles are the lack of purchase incentives, the high total cost of ownership and, above all, the absence of a reliable charging and refuelling network across the EU. The targets of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation remain insufficient and unevenly implemented by Member States.

Considering this and recalling Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's letter of 20 October 2025 promising concrete measures to assist heavy-duty manufacturers in reaching their targets:

1. What measures will the Commission adopt to ensure that Member States meet their targets under the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation for charging and refuelling infrastructure?
2. What targeted actions will the Commission take to reduce the total cost of ownership for zero-emission vehicles?
3. What additional measures does the Commission intend to adopt to ensure that manufacturer efforts and zero-emission sales volumes are on track to meet these targets?

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