

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002996/25
to the Commission
Majdouline Sbai (Verts/ALE)
(18 July 2025)**

Subject: Social leasing schemes and used vehicles

In its communication of 5 March 2025 entitled ‘Industrial Action Plan for the European automotive sector’ (COM(2025)0095), the Commission declared that social leasing schemes ‘can support affordable clean mobility for less advantaged consumers, while giving a direct boost to zero-emission vehicles sales’. In its recommendation of 22 May 2025 on transport poverty, the Commission recognised the need to establish social leasing schemes for both new and second-hand zero-emission vehicles. Yet it did not really detail how second-hand zero-emission vehicles could be included in these social leasing schemes.

Given the large stocks of used vehicles currently present in the Member States and the opportunity to make them more accessible to vulnerable groups by including them in social leasing schemes:

1. has the Commission already conducted impact studies on the inclusion of used vehicles in social leasing schemes, and would it be willing to share the results?
2. what would be the Commission’s recommendations on how precisely to include them in the social leasing schemes?
3. does the Commission envisage any EU legislation on the matter to avoid fragmentation of the EU single market and promote the inclusion of both EU new and used electric vehicles in social leasing schemes?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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In its Recommendation of 22 May 2025 on transport poverty ⁽¹⁾, the Commission recommended to Member States to ‘consider providing vulnerable transport users and vulnerable micro-enterprises with access to new and second hand zero-emission vehicles, through measures such as social leasing schemes, coupled with the deployment of charging infrastructure.’

The Commission has not concluded any impact studies on the inclusion of used vehicles in social leasing schemes. It is the responsibility of the Member States under the Social Climate Fund Regulation (EU) 2023/955 ⁽²⁾ to decide whether and which social leasing scheme is best suited for its national plans under the Social Climate Fund ⁽³⁾.

The Commission has provided guidance on the implementation of the Social Climate Fund, including on leasing of zero-emission vehicles, which also covers second hand zero emission vehicles.

The specific matter at hand, on how to precisely include second hand vehicles in social leasing schemes, is the responsibility of Member States.

The Commission does not envisage any Union legislation on the matter.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2025/1021 of 22 May 2025 on transport poverty: ensuring affordable, accessible and fair mobility. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reco/2025/1021/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 establishing a Social Climate Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, OJ L 130, 16.5.2023.

⁽³⁾ Commission Notice, Guidance on the Social Climate Plans, C(2025) 881 final, p. 42.