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1. The December 2025 Commission proposal amending the CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans is aligned with the climate targets and objectives established in the European Climate Law¹. It maintains ambitious emission reduction targets to ensure a strong market signal for zero-emission vehicles, while providing vehicle manufacturers with more flexibility to achieve their targets.

2–3. The ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation² aims to scale up sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) to decarbonise aviation, while preserving internal market and decrease reliance on imported fossil fuels. The 2025 ReFuelEU Aviation Annual Technical Report³ shows that the sector is on track to meet its SAF obligations for 2025-2029. The Sustainable Transport Investment Plan⁴ aims to accelerate the transition to SAF and mobilise at least EUR 2.9 billion until the end of 2027 for production of sustainable fuels for aviation and maritime transport. In response, eight Member States launched in December 2025 an Early Movers Coalition for hydrogen-based SAF (eSAF)⁵. To address the EU aviation's new pressures stemming from rapidly changing global environment, as illustrated by the supply shock caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, the Commission is preparing an EU Aviation Strategy. The Strategy will aim to support the EU aviation industry's competitiveness and global leadership by embracing the sector's green and digital transformation, boosting investments in innovation, while enhancing the EU strategic autonomy and shielding from unfair competition.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0995>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/oj/eng>.

³ <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/document-library/general-publications/refueeu-aviation-annual-technical-report-2025>.

⁴ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/document/download/73447373-de2a-4ba4-9371-36d1186035d4_en?filename=COM_2025_664_STIP.pdf.

⁵ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/eu-launches-early-movers-coalition-accelerate-sustainable-aviation-fuel-uptake-2025-12-04_en.