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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission supports the creation of quality jobs in the automotive sector through a policy framework that strengthens the long-term competitiveness of the European automotive industry. The Automotive Package¹, including the proposal amending the CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans², supports investments in zero-emission vehicles while providing manufacturers with greater flexibility. The proposed Industrial Accelerator Act³ is expected to support quality jobs by introducing 'Made in EU' and low-carbon requirements for public procurement of vehicles and components.

The European Pillar of Social Rights and the Quality Jobs Roadmap⁴ promote fair working conditions, skills development, secure employment and social dialogue. The upcoming Quality Jobs Act will balance worker protection and competitiveness and ensure that workers in an evolving world of work remain adequately protected. In parallel, the Automotive Skills Alliance, under the Pact for Skills, helps workers acquire the skills needed for the transition.

The Just Transition Fund complements these efforts by supporting reskilling, upskilling, business diversification and sustainable job creation in regions most affected by the net-zero transition economy. Going forward, the Commission proposes to support a fair transition through tailored National and Regional Partnership Plans under the next Multiannual Financial Framework, giving Member States greater flexibility in the design of investment and reforms to support quality employment.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_3051.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0995>.

³ COM(2026) 100 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52026PC0100>.

⁴ COM(2025) 944 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0944>.