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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Industrial Action Plan for the European automotive sector¹ sets out measures to ensure the competitiveness of the industry in the green and digital transition. The third Strategic Dialogue on the future of the European automotive industry held on 12 September 2025 allowed to take stock of the implementation of the Action Plan and to discuss strategic questions. The Commission will further accelerate the implementation of the Action Plan to support the automotive industry. This will include measures to stimulate the demand for zero-emission vehicles, with a legislative proposal on corporate fleets, and measures to strengthen the supply chain in Europe, notably with the Battery Booster and EU content requirements to be developed through the Industrial Accelerator Act. Following a call for evidence and a public consultation on the review of the Regulation setting CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans², the Commission will prepare an impact assessment and is committed to finalising the review by the end of the year.

The new Small Affordable Cars initiative³ is one of the measures to strengthen the business case for producing cars in Europe. The objective is to work on a supportive framework that will allow the European automotive industry to improve the business case to build small affordable electric cars profitably in Europe. This will require most likely a combination of different measures, which will be prepared in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. A need for direct financing from the EU budget has not yet been identified at this stage.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0095>.

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14765-Revision-of-the-CO2-emission-standards-for-cars-and-vans_en.

³ Announced by President Von der Leyen during the last State of the Union speech on 10 September 2025, https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_2053.