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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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Under EU law¹, the harmonised maximum width of vehicles is 2.55 metres². Where the vehicles are fitted with aerodynamic devices and equipment, the maximum width may not be exceeded by more than 25 millimetres on each side of the vehicle (i.e. total vehicle width of 2.60 metres), so that the capability of the vehicles to be used for intermodal transport is not impaired.

It is further specified in the EU legislation that, in case of aerodynamic devices and equipment, the vehicle width (including that of conditioned body with insulated walls) shall not exceed 2.60 metres, including the measured projections, with the devices and equipment fixed in both the retracted or folded and in the in-use position³. Therefore, the same principle was confirmed in both replies of the Commission without contradiction⁴. Moreover, as stated in the previous replies, Regulation (EU) 2021/535 contains technical requirements only as regards aerodynamic devices fitted at the front or the rear of the vehicles.

Regulation (EU) 2022/1362⁵ allows for the certification and use of aerodynamic devices during the approval process of new trailers. However, as set out in in Regulation (EU) 2021/535, the maximum permissible width of 2.60 metres must be respected. This approach is in line with the Commission's objectives by ensuring harmonisation in the transport sector, supporting CO₂ emission reductions and compliance with the proportionality principle.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/535: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02021R0535-20250101>.

² See Annex XIII, Part 2, Section E, point 1.1.2. of the above Regulation.

³ See Entry 11 (Aerodynamic devices and equipment) in Table 2 in Annex XIII, Part 2, Section F of the Regulation.

⁴ P-000829/2023 and P-004393/2025.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02022R1362-20220825>.