



# Driving Lower Emissions

Future EU policy for fuel-efficient cars

**Conference, Brussels**  
**Wednesday 13 September**

**Venue:** Scotland House | Rond-point Schuman, 6 | Brussels



## Cars and climate change - background

A decade ago, when climate change and oil supplies were further down the political agenda than they are now, the EU decided that average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new passenger cars should be reduced to 120 g/km by 2010 at the latest. A crucial element in achieving this objective was a voluntary commitment by European, Japanese and Korean carmakers to achieve 140 g/km for new cars by 2008/9.

But it is now clear that the 140 g/km target will not be met, as progress has slowed considerably in recent years. In this context, the European Commission is currently reviewing the CO<sub>2</sub> policy for cars and vans in order to define a strategy for the post-2008 period.

## This event: focus on policies for more fuel-efficient cars

This one-day event, organised by Transport and Environment (T&E) and co-sponsored by the governments of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands and Renault and Toyota, will specifically focus on policies to speed up progress towards more fuel efficient cars in Europe.

Given the increasing concerns over climate change, energy costs and energy security, meeting the 1996 objectives and going beyond these in the next decade is of utmost importance. Progress in fuel efficiency of cars needs to speed up. Well-designed policies can help, for example by making it more attractive for the vehicle industry to produce, market and sell fuel efficient cars, and less attractive to sell less efficient ones. Other regions in the world have implemented, or are implementing, such policies in various degrees of sophistication. Given the ongoing review of the EU's policy in the field, it is a timely moment to consider the value of different policy instruments in the EU context.

Speakers and panelists include:

- Mr Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for Environment
- Mr Anders Wijkman, MEP
- Ms Corinne Lepage, French Presidential Candidate and former Environment Minister
- Mr Michael P. Walsh, International Consultant
- Mr Hans Bolscher, Director of Climate and industry at Dutch Environment Ministry
- Ms Georgette Lalis, Director Consumer Goods at DG Enterprise, European Commission
- Mr Malcolm Fendick, Manager Cleaner Vehicles and Fuels Division at UK Dept. for Transport
- Mr Axel Friedrich, Head of Transport Division at German Environment Agency (UBA)
- Mr Luc Bastard, Manager Environmental Regulations, Renault
- Mr Colin Hensley, Manager R&D External Affairs & Communication, Toyota Motor Europe

The morning session will take stock of the current situation. What was the context in 1996? Why are low carbon cars important? How much progress has been made?

The afternoon session will focus on policies to accelerate the shift towards low carbon cars and vans in the EU. Manufacturers, national governments, the European Commission and NGOs will all have a say.

Registration is online via the T&E website: [www.transportenvironment.org](http://www.transportenvironment.org).

For all other enquiries regarding this event, please contact: [info@transportenvironment.org](mailto:info@transportenvironment.org).

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## Driving Lower Emissions: Final Programme

<b>09:00</b>	Registration and coffee	<b>12:45</b>	Lunch
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Introduction by the Chairman</b> José Manuel Palma, T&E Board Member	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Why Low Carbon Cars are Important</b> Speaker: Mr Hans Bolscher, Director Climate Change and Industry, Dutch Environment Ministry
<b>09:40</b>	<b>Standing Policy: the 120 g/km objective</b> Speaker: Ms Corinne Lepage, French Presidential Candidate and former Environment Minister	<b>14:30</b>	<b>Economic Incentives for Low Carbon Cars</b> Speaker: Mr Malcolm Fendick, Manager Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles Division, UK Dept. for Transport
<b>10:00</b>	<b>The Policy Problem from a Carmaker's Point of View</b> Speaker: Mr Luc Bastard, Manager Environmental Regulations, Renault	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Mr Luc Bastard Mr Hans Bolscher Mr Malcolm Fendick Mr Colin Hensley, General Manager R&D External Affairs & Communication, Toyota Motor Europe Ms Georgette Lalis, Director Consumer Goods at DG Enterprise, European Commission Mr Jos Dings, Director T&E
<b>Coffee break</b>			
<b>11:00</b>	<b>The CARS21 Road Map: the right tools for the job?</b> Speaker: Mr Anders Wijkman, MEP European People's Party and European Democrats, Sweden	<b>16:00</b>	<b>After the Standards, Time to Develop Tools ?</b> Speaker: Mr Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for Environment
<b>11:30</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Regimes for Cars Around the World</b> Speaker: Mr Michael P. Walsh, International Consultant	<b>16:45</b>	<b>Concluding Remarks by the Chairman</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Feasibility of Low Carbon Cars</b> Speaker: Mr Axel Friedrich, Head of Transport Division, German Environmental Protection Agency (UBA)	<b>17:00</b>	Drinks
<b>12.30</b>	Discussion		

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