

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM
THE CHAIRMAN

To the Chair(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear colleague,

As you are aware, the EU has set itself the goal of reaching climate neutrality by 2050. To stay on a steady path for the next ten years and with the European Green Deal as a blueprint for change, the EU finalised its action plan against greenhouse gas emissions: the ‘Fit for 55’ package.

Released in two batches in July and December 2021, this package includes proposals for EU climate and energy legislation to underpin the bloc’s political pledge to cut greenhouse-gas emissions by at least 55% in 2030 compared with 1990 levels. Reaching this target is a key milestone for the EU, on the way towards its long-term objective of becoming climate-neutral. It will furthermore spur the rest of the world to act under the 2015 Paris Agreement to fight climate change.

One key area in the decarbonisation is transport, including road, maritime and aviation. In the end of March 2023, the EU made a significant step towards accelerating the green transition of the transport sector, when the European Parliament, the EU Council and the Commission reached provisional agreements on two key transport files of the Fit for 55 package, namely the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR). Negotiations are also well underway on the proposal for a Regulation on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (RefuelEU Aviation).

In my quality of Chairwoman of the Committee on Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament, I would like to invite Members of the national Parliaments of the EU Member States to attend an interparliamentary committee meeting on the topic of:

“Reaching the transport objectives of Fit for 55 at national level - opportunities and challenges”

scheduled for

Thursday, 25 May 2023, 9.00 to 12.30 in the European Parliament in Brussels
(József Antall building, room 4Q1).

The purpose of this meeting is to exchange views with Members from national Parliaments on the realities and experiences of Member States in working towards achieving the transport objectives of the Fit for 55 package. The meeting will focus on the decarbonisation

of road transport and the roll-out of alternative fuel infrastructure as well as on the decarbonisation of the maritime and aviation sectors through the uptake of sustainable fuels.

I am pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant Committees(s) from every national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend the meeting. Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome your written contributions (to be sent to tran-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) which would be then distributed to the respective Members and other participants.

All the relevant practical and organizational details on this meeting, as well as an updated draft programme, will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my invitation, and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 25 May 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: ICM draft programme