

Outline of the second report: The paths to decarbonized and sustainable transport

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Date: 26th September 2023

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Location: Online - Zoom

The objective of the ERCST project is to analyze the current pathways emerging from EU policy for decarbonisation of heavy-duty road transportation and propose, if necessary and appropriate, complementary and/or alternative policy pathways. They will be underpinned by the EU objective of climate neutrality stemming from the EU Climate Law.

The first report set the ERCST analytical framework by looking at what influenced the determination of pathways for mobility decarbonization. We have conducted an analysis that identified the desired outcomes, outlined changes in the economic, political, and social environment, and determined new outcomes to be considered given current circumstances, as part of the efforts towards finding the best pathways for mobility decarbonization.

This event will serve as an opportunity to present the outline of the ERCST second report that will assess current legislative pathways to decarbonise heavy-duty transport and make recommendations for new pathways complementary and/or alternative to the existing ones.

The ERCST second report will look at key policy actions that can have an impact on the heavy-duty vehicles transport sector. In comparing different transport decarbonisation technologies, it will give, amongst others, thorough considerations to:

- The cumulative reduction of CO₂ emissions over time, to meet the decarbonisation trajectory established as an EU target.
- The EU security of supply, including the dependence on imports from non-EU countries.
- The contribution to the resilience of the EU economy, especially with regards to the capability to overcome unforeseen crises.
- The societal impacts - on jobs, inclusivity, and affordability of mobility for citizens and businesses.

The main outcomes of the roundtable discussions will be considered in the final ERCST second report, which will be presented in a public event on 12th October 2023 (15:00-17:00).

15:00 Welcome and introduction

- A. Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST

15:05 ERCST presentation

- D. Newman, ERCST

This meeting will start with a presentation by ERCST of the outline of the second report. This will be followed by a first panel discussion where speakers are expected to address the following questions (5-7 mins per speaker):

- Is the proposed regulatory framework fit-for-purpose to ensure the decarbonisation of the HDV sector by 2050?
- Have bottlenecks and hindering aspects been addressed throughout the different pieces of legislation?
- What is coming next? Is there room for improvement?

15:20 Panel speakers:

- S. Conrad, Daimler Truck AG
- B. Denis, IndustriAll
- A. Roca, Exxonmobil

Following the panel discussions, participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the debate in a subsequent roundtable discussion.

16:00 Roundtable discussion

16:55 Concluding remarks

- A. Marcu, ERCST