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Road Mobility Package must deliver for workers and the environment

Road transport

The European Parliament has today voted on a resolution, setting out its position on EU road transport policy. This comes ahead of the European Commission's Road Mobility Package, due to be presented on 31 May.

Karima Delli, who presented the motion on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, comments:

"The Parliament has set its position in advance of the Commission's road mobility package. In line with the Balas report voted last year, it expresses concerns about social dumping, which is not only deteriorating working conditions for those in the sector, but also puts the European project at risk. That is the reason why the Greens/EFA group wants to see significant improvements to the conditions of workers in the sector, and to end the abuse of posted workers. In that respect, it is of utmost importance that controls are reinforced to guarantee the rule of law within the internal market. It is therefore regrettable that so many of our colleagues keep refusing to give support to an agency that could be dedicated to that mission. The European Union must work to protect working drivers from fatigue, for their safety and well-being, and bring transport policy in line with the European social pillar. We expect the European Commission to take these demands into account when presenting its own measures at the end of the month."

Greens/EFA member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism Jakop Dalunde adds:

"Emissions from road transport need to go down, in order to be line with the Paris climate agreement. The costs from emissions and their effect on the environment and public health needs to be part of a wider look at the external costs associated with road transport. We have to make sure that it is the polluters who pay for the costs they incur."

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