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12 May 2026 – On 22 April 2026, the European Commission published its AccelerateEU Communication, outlining actions to protect the EU from the fossil energy crisis and accelerate the shift to clean, EU-grown energy. Europe's dependency on imported fossil fuels is a strategic vulnerability – one the Commission itself acknowledges.

AccelerateEU rightly calls e-mobility a 'structural pathway' to reduce oil dependency but makes no reference to the EV ecosystem that delivers it, or the regulatory framework – CO2 standards for cars and vans and the Clean Corporate Vehicles Regulation - that supports it.

Over half (57%) of the energy consumed in Europe is imported fossil fuels, and almost two-thirds of oil goes to transport, with road transport alone accounting for 47.7% of EU oil consumption in 2024. The current crisis makes the case for electrification plain: oil prices have surged due to the Middle East escalation, while electricity prices have been far less affected, particularly in countries with higher shares of carbon-free power. The result is that BEV drivers are five times less exposed to fuel price shocks than petrol vehicle drivers.

Therefore, no energy crisis response can be credible without placing the decarbonisation of transport at its core – and yet, current EU policy debates maintain a focus on watering down the very policy framework that enables it.

Against the backdrop of energy security urgency, E-Mobility Europe, ChargeUp Europe, Eurelectric and RECHARGE - leading associations representing the electric vehicle value chain - call on co-legislators to deliver a stronger package of EV ecosystem-specific energy security measures as part of the AccelerateEU follow-up:

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- **Improve e-mobility accessibility**, by delivering new EU and national demand-side measures such as social leasing and fleet incentives, ensuring that electrification reduces energy vulnerability for all households
- **Remove bottlenecks to charging infrastructure deployment**, by de-risking projects through public guarantees, delivering the grids package, and enabling smart and bidirectional charging at scale.
- **Match the scale of global clean tech competition with stronger EU investment support**. This requires committing EU-level long-term funding for strategic sectors like electric vehicle batteries, through the urgent deployment of the Battery Booster Facility, the European Competitiveness Fund, and additional ambitious, coherent and streamlined localisation incentives under the Industrial Accelerator Act.

