

European Automotive Council (EAC)

The mission of the European Automotive Council is to transform Hong Kong into a green city with zero-emission mobility in the public and private sectors.

The European Automotive Council represents the European passenger car and commercial vehicle manufacturers in Hong Kong. It aims to bring forward proposals and partner with the Hong Kong Government, working together towards a safer, greener, more efficient, more sustainable, and more competitive automotive sector.

The members of the European Automotive Council focus on developing green transportation, reduced vehicle emissions, driver assistance systems, autonomous driving, automotive connectivity, smart mobility, and the circular economy of their products to transform Hong Kong into an even more liveable city.

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Electric Vehicles

- The EAC appreciates the Hong Kong Government's implementation of the Roadmap to popularise Electric Vehicles.
- The EAC encourages the Hong Kong Government to allocate funds and administrative support for a comprehensive charging infrastructure, including public, semi-public, and private options, to ensure sufficient charging capacity for electric vehicles.

Future-oriented Type Approval Regulations

- The EAC recognises the development in future automotive technology trends, such as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), E-mobility-related technologies, and driver-supporting Visual Display Units (VDUs), as keys to improving road safety and efficiency. The EAC encourages the Hong Kong Government to consider adopting the EC European type approval certificate*, a well-established and broadly accepted regulatory framework.

*Full text: EU WVTA of the EC: The European Union Whole Vehicle Type Approval Certificate of the European Commission.

- For commercial vehicles, the EAC recommends that the Hong Kong Government review current weight and length regulations and align them with EU regulations to optimize truck utilization and reduce road traffic. The EAC suggests allowing Road-Friendly Suspension (RFS) vehicles extra loading allowances and reducing the First Registration Tax.



Retired Electric Vehicle Batteries Recycling

- The EAC supports the direction of Electric Vehicle battery recycling and the Hong Kong Government's proposal to establish a regulatory scheme for retired Electric Vehicle batteries.
- The EAC recommends that the Hong Kong Government streamline the scheme's administrative processes and simplify the operations for recycling retired Electric Vehicle batteries to minimise the cost.
- Since the Transportation Department has all registered vehicle information, the EAC recommends the Transport Department to consider including in the vehicle de-registration process the proper disposal of retired Electric Vehicle batteries as an obligation of the car owners when they de-register the Electric Vehicle at the end of its life.