

POLICY RECOMMENDATION

KEEP AN OPEN MIND: MAKE TECHNOLOGY NEUTRALITY A GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Ensure that technology openness fosters innovations and guides all EU regulatory proposals

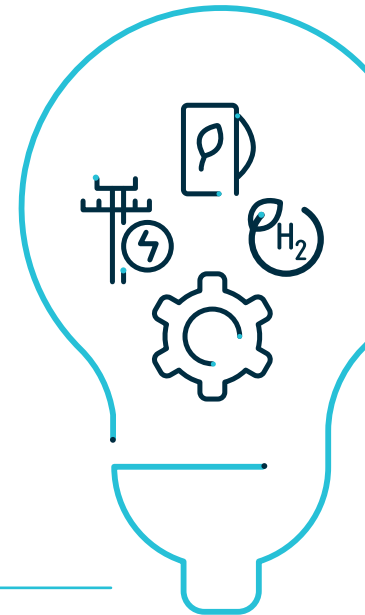


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The EU must be less rigid in its approach to making climate neutrality a reality. Without questioning widespread electrification, technology neutrality can avoid prematurely picking winners or losers and creates a level playing field for all low-carbon technologies. It is essential for R&D efforts as it promotes a broader scope for experimentation and exploration. ACEA strongly believes that a technology-neutral approach – with widespread electrification at its core – is the best way to achieve climate goals.

WHY THIS MATTERS?

We want to maintain Europe's status as the leading global automotive powerhouse, and this means fostering an environment that stimulates R&D and innovation in zero-emission and digital tech. Our [#FutureDriven Manifesto](#) outlines how policy makers can help secure this goal while also tackling shared societal challenges.



WHAT CAN LAW MAKERS DO? ↘



1 Guarantee technology neutrality

Ensure technology neutrality is a guiding principle in all EU regulatory proposals to allow European innovation and R&D to thrive.



2 Boost R&D

Beef up the EU's R&D budget and simplify the state aid framework to support investment in business-orientated solutions.



3 Create regulatory sandboxes

Create innovative spaces to help bring cutting-edge research to mass production.