

**Question for written answer E-002757/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Adapting the automotive sector to emissions targets

Commission Executive Vice-President Teresa Ribera stated on 3 December in Ghent that the Commission was not considering delaying the ban on the sale of cars with combustion engines beyond 2035.

This runs counter to what President Ursula von der Leyen stated in the Commission's political guidelines for 2024-2029: 'the 2035 climate neutrality target for cars creates predictability for investors and manufacturers. Getting there will require a technology-neutral approach, in which e-fuels have a role to play through a targeted amendment of the regulation as part of the foreseen review'. I would therefore like to ask:

1. Whether the Commission endorses Ms Ribera's words or whether it sees them as incompatible with the principle of technology neutrality set out in the policy guidelines?
2. Whether the Commission considers these statements to be an appropriate starting point for the strategic dialogue with the automotive industry, which President von der Leyen has announced she intends to lead personally?
3. Whether the Commission will conduct an in-depth study of the impact on employment and growth in the Member States of the CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction targets as they currently stand?

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