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OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union:
Time to act!
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Action Plan on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure; recalls the impact of transport on climate change and notes that in order to comply with the Paris Agreement objectives, greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector will need to be near zero by 2050; highlights therefore that the sustainability of alternative fuel vehicles depends highly on the use of renewable energy sources and underlines the need to focus on uniform requirements for all Member States regarding the quality of alternative fuels and conformity assessment systems; stresses that closer cooperation among all relevant stakeholders, especially the car industry and the Commission, must take place in order for the Union to achieve its decarbonisation goals;
2. Stresses the benefits of low-carbon innovations to the EU's global competitive position and energy security; calls for the EU to become a global leader on decarbonisation in the transport sector; urges, furthermore, the Member States, notably those lagging furthest behind, and industry to demonstrate an enhanced level of ambition and to speed up the implementation of the Action Plan, including by developing efficient, complete and coherent national policy frameworks, implemented in a timely manner, in order to ensure the necessary stability for investments from both public and private sources;
3. Highlights the correlation between the availability and accessibility of charging and refuelling infrastructure for alternative fuels across the EU, both in public and private facilities, and consumers' acceptance of new mobility systems; underlines the need for a more harmonised EU approach, also with regard to common technical standards, in order to ensure interoperability of payment services and recharging points, allowing users of alternative fuels to fully use the available infrastructure when traveling in the EU; stresses the need for transparent consumer information and cross-border continuity; urges greater collaboration between public and private actors in this respect; calls on the Commission to strengthen the consumer dimension and provide a harmonised consumer information strategy on the use of alternative fuels, data on recharging points in the Member States and methods of payment;
4. Stresses the importance of timely, easily understandable, accurate, accessible and transparent information to consumers; notes in this respect the relevance of the planned price comparison between alternative and conventional fuels; requests that this information be collected and processed by an open data platform;
5. Appreciates the coordination at EU level; encourages the Commission to assess in the course of 2018 whether interoperability of payment services can be best advanced by legislative or non-legislative action, while not hampering market innovation;
6. Encourages the Commission to take advantage of the synergies between European transport, energy and digitalisation policies, for instance in relation to smart charging and intelligent transport systems, while ensuring compliance with data protection standards; calls on the Member States to cooperate more closely, for example within the Sustainable Transport Forum, to ensure cross-border continuity;

7. Supports a technology neutral approach for the development of a market-based alternative fuels infrastructure, with a particular focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as ensuring more and better choice for consumers; states that the roll-out of digitally connected alternative fuels infrastructure should be regarded in conjunction with the actual number of alternative fuel vehicles; highlights therefore the need to bring more alternative fuel vehicles onto the market in order to raise their profile in the medium-to-long term, thus encouraging public and private investment in them;
8. Urges the Commission, the Member States and the private sector to step up financial support for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure; stresses in particular the need to enhance EU funding for alternative fuels infrastructure in the next MFF; asks that geographical differences in alternative fuels infrastructure and support for alternative fuels infrastructure, as well as the high costs of transition in rural areas, which could prevent deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, be taken into account as a major barrier; calls on the Member States to acknowledge the positive effects of grant schemes, public-private partnerships and fiscal incentives for the market up-take of alternative fuel vehicles.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	4.6.2018
Result of final vote	+: 28 -: 1 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	John Stuart Agnew, Pascal Arimont, Carlos Coelho, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Daniel Dalton, Nicola Danti, Dennis de Jong, Pascal Durand, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Philippe Juvin, Nosheena Mobarik, Jiří Pospíšil, Virginie Rozière, Christel Schaldemose, Olga Sehnalová, Jasenko Selimovic, Mylène Troszczynski, Anneleen Van Bossuyt, Marco Zullo
Substitutes present for the final vote	Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Birgit Collin-Langen, Roberta Metsola, Marc Tarabella, Sabine Verheyen
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Klaus Buchner, Peter Liese, Emilian Pavel, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Tomáš Zdechovský

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Jasenko Selimovic
ECR	Daniel Dalton, Nosheena Mobarik, Anneleen Van Bossuyt
EFDD	Marco Zullo
PPE	Asim Ademov, Pascal Arimont, Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Carlos Coelho, Birgit Collin-Langen, Philippe Juvin, Peter Liese, Roberta Metsola, Jiří Pospíšil, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Sabine Verheyen, Tomáš Zdechovský
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Sergio Gaetano Cofferati, Nicola Danti, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Emilian Pavel, Virginie Rozière, Christel Schaldemose, Olga Sehnalová, Marc Tarabella
VERTS/ALE	Klaus Buchner, Pascal Durand

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EFDD	John Stuart Agnew

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ENF	Mylène Troszczynski
GUE/NGL	Dennis de Jong

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention