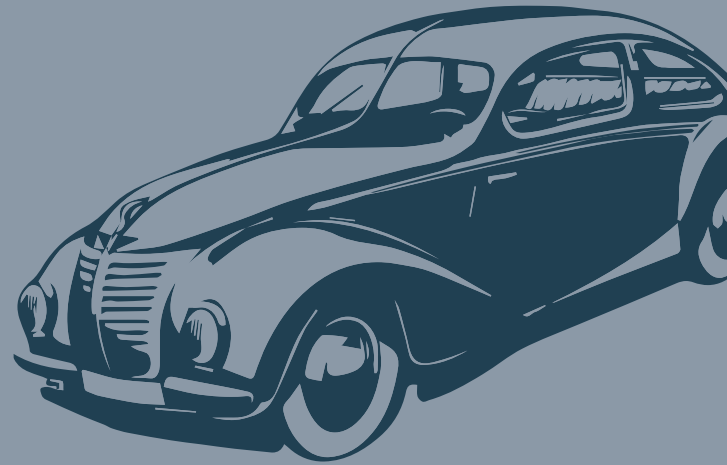


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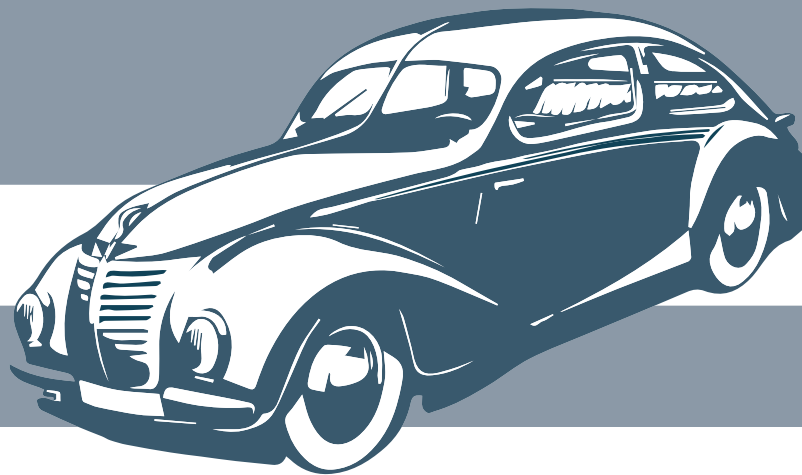
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The European Parliament Historic Vehicles Group was first formed in 2009 to create a forum for MEPs to discuss EU policy developments which are relevant to historic vehicles away from the formality and constraints of Committee and Group debates. The Group is open to all MEPs – whether the interest is professional or personal.

The Group is supported by the Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens (FIVA) which is the worldwide organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of historic vehicles and related culture.

## **Purpose of the Group**

The Group allows knowledge sharing between MEPs and the historic vehicle community. Over the past 5 years, each of the Groups' breakfast meetings has focussed on one current regulatory topic relevant to historic vehicles and the discussions have been informed by presentations from the FIVA, European Commission officials and external experts. Issues discussed have included historic vehicles and emissions, road safety, Low Emission Zones, REACH, Intelligent Transport Systems, culture and heritage and the Customs Code.

## **Impact of the Group**

These discussions have helped Parliamentarians develop positions on relevant draft legislation. This has contributed to the adoption of EU Laws which protect historic vehicle owners' ability to restore, preserve and use historic vehicles within an ever changing policy environment. Recent examples are the provisions for a common and appropriate definition of a historic vehicle in the Roadworthiness Testing Directive as well as in and the Customs Code, and recognition of the specific and special status of historic vehicles for the purposes of type approval and ITS policy.

## **Looking ahead**

There is an on-going need to protect the right to preserve and use historic vehicles from the threat of legislation which might unnecessarily or unfairly impact on historic vehicle restoration, preservation and use on public roads.

Current policy discussions of relevance include the review of REACH, a draft Regulation on the registration of vehicles and EU urban transport policy and its impact on the developments of low emission zones. The Group provides the information and opportunity for Members to contribute positively to these discussions.

More broadly, new research undertaken by FIVA will provide a clear understanding of the size and economic and social value of the movement and of the businesses supporting the movement. The findings of this research will be unveiled during the Group's inaugural meeting. This data can inform future relevant policy discussions as well as quantify the economic and social value of our motoring heritage. Such information and the Group's actions are crucial to the conservation of motoring heritage as they will help ensure that historic vehicle enthusiasts can continue to restore, renovate and use their vehicles.

If you own a historic vehicle or have a passion for motoring heritage, the Group also allows you to share your passion with your colleagues in your place of work!

## **Joining the Group**

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