GFEI in Central and Eastern Europe: challenges, progress and opportunities

EU Policy framework and progress

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In your region, what is the 1 challenge in introducing fuel economy policies and shifting to cleaner vehicles?

• Aging fleet
• Second-hand cars
• Low enforcement of regulation (e.g., cars with non-functioning catalytic converters)
• SUV share on EU market goes up (EU): from a 7% (2005) to 36% (2019) - ;
• The Diesel sales shares: dropped from 56% of LDV sales (2015) to 40% (2019) (EU).
What opportunities do you see to improve fuel economy in the region?

• Adoption and enforcement of stringent EU regulation
• Focus not that much on policy but on enforcement;
  • EU policy is already stringent enough;
  • At the same time, enforcement is low;
• Acting on behavioural lever rather:
  • Bigger is still considered as better and safer;
  • Awareness raising that small is good, more environmentally responsible and cheaper;
Will a regional approach help?

- GFEI can package the issue in a more understandable way
- Exchange of good practices between countries:
  - Western Balkans
  - Eastern Partnership
- Share good examples of EU Member States:
  - On transposition of EU legislation;
  - On implementation and enforcement;
- Regional capacity-building