Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive

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The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive (AFID) is currently under evaluation by the European Commission until the 29 of June.

The AFID creates a framework for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructures.

It is key to decarbonise transport and its infrastructure, deliver a clean transport and reach the European Green Deal objectives, which were identified as topic of interest by CPMR Members in the October 2019 Transport Policy Position & on the March 2020 Climate Policy Position.

Thus, the CPMR aims at developing a contribution to the evaluation based on previous key policy messages and on today’s discussion.
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The AFID creates a common framework of measures for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, including recharging points for electric vehicles and refuelling points for natural gas (LNG and CNG) and hydrogen.

The deployment of such infrastructure is meant to reduce oil dependence and mitigate the environmental impact of transport, develop a single market for alternative fuels infrastructure along urban areas and nodes and the core network of the TEN-T.

Member States are required to set up long-term National Policy Frameworks (NPFs) for the planning, development and deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure.
The contribution would revolve on the following messages:

1) **Ensure territorial accessibility**
   - Foster an alternative fuels network in all European Regions and avoid isolation
   - Enhance interoperability and interconnection between borders and modes

2) **Rely on Regions**
   - Involvement of Regional Authorities in the National Policy Frameworks
   - Peripheral and maritime Regions can play the role of innovation laboratories

3) **Guarantee a fair transition to a clean transport**
   - Promotion of clean fuels to achieve climate neutrality
   - Technological neutrality and territorial approach