

## **The Climate Group**

Dear Sir or Madam

The Climate Group was unfortunately unable to participate in the public hearing on the European strategy on clean and energy-efficient vehicles held last week. However we did note that, regardless of the participation in the hearing, all stakeholders were invited to send written contributions by today's date.

In this regard we would like to inform you of The Climate Group's interest in electric vehicles and, specifically, our EV20 initiative. This initiative, launched in December in Copenhagen, is to speed the global deployment of plug-in electric vehicles. Convened by The Climate Group and chaired by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, EV20 is bringing together a core group of 20 leading cities, states and nations, auto manufacturers, fleet owners, financiers and electric vehicle chain players. It is focusing on activities in the next three years designed to speed up market transformation by 2020. The link below takes you to the relevant press release.

<http://www.theclimategroup.org/our-news/news/2009/12/15/legions-of-regions-rally-to-set-world-on-cleantech-pathway/>

The Climate Group believes that rapid electrification of transport will primarily require a combination of strong public policy and incentives with business innovation and investment, and we therefore welcome the fact that the Commission is to establish a European strategy on clean and energy efficient vehicles during the course of 2010.

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