

Your Voice In Europe: ROADMAP feedback for REFIT and report on the Noise Directive

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Feedback:

Today's Noise Directive is counterproductive.

A highly efficient device which is equipped with low power is punished by that it must be quieter than a not efficient device having installed a high performance power source.

In the light of resource efficiency and emission reduction efforts, this is not effective.

For resource efficiency and pollution control, there are already comprehensive directives.

The proposal for the future would be for each category or group to define an absolute upper limit. If it is deemed necessary it can be further divided into electric drive, combustion drive or alternative energy. It would also be possible to distinguish between fundamentally different functional principles, for example such as compressed air or piston driven. This should be worked out in the expert groups.

Then, the absolute upper limit for this type of machine is fixed and the manufacturer is obliged as before to publish information on the noise emission and to install on the machine an appropriate sign.

Using the C standards (product standards), it should be left to the C standards to define the measurement method or a tightening of the values. This way values and methods stay as current as possible. In a future amendment to the Noise Directive these can then be transferred.

This would significantly simplify the Noise Directive and unused and unmonitored sections would be eliminated within the meaning of the new legislative approach.

In the market noise maps are already prepared for construction sites and local limits are temporarily

*defined, depending on the geographical location of the application area of the machine.
With the new regulation, the quietest and most environmentally friendly machines would be used.
The Fuel to Noise Converter would, in contrast to today, would be brand marked as such.*

Best Regards,

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