

2nd Environmentally Friendly Vehicles Conference

Date and Venue

The United Kingdom (UK) will host a G8 and EU badged, international conference on environmentally friendly vehicles (EFVs) on **10 and 11 November 2005**. The conference will be held at the **National Motorcycle Museum**, near Birmingham International Airport in the West Midlands.

Context and Objectives

Across the world, Governments and industry are looking for ways to reconcile society's increasing demands for mobility with the growing need to protect the environment from its effects. We intend that this conference should establish an authoritative forum for global dialogue on Environmentally Friendly Vehicles, bringing policy makers and industry together to shape the future market for clean and efficient vehicles. With the role that vehicle technologies can play in reducing emissions and combating climate change, this conference will be key to one of Prime Minister Tony Blair's main objectives for the United Kingdom's G8 presidency.

The conference will aim to produce some conclusions on what various stakeholders around the world, especially Governments and the auto industry, can do to encourage the development and uptake of Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EFV).

Speakers

Alistair Darling, Secretary of State for Transport, will be chairing the event and we have already confirmed a number of senior speakers involved in the development of environmentally friendly vehicles from across the world, including Herr Ralf Nagel, State Secretary of Transport in Germany, Monsieur Jean Martin Folz, Chief Executive of Peugeot Citroen, and Dr Alan Lloyd, Secretary of the California Environment Protection Agency. We are confident that these speakers will be joined by other Government Ministers, as well as Chief Executives from key players in the automotive and fuels industries.

Delegates

The conference delegates will be primarily senior (Director General level) Government Officials and representatives from the Motor and Oil Industry, Academic and Research Institutions and other relevant Non Governmental Organisations, from G8, EU and other countries. Approximately 250 delegates will be invited to participate. The official conference language will be English.

Exhibition and Visits

The conference will include an exhibition of 20 environmentally friendly vehicles, as well as the latest EFV technologies. Delegates will be invited to visit EFV technology and research centres in the UK on the **9 November**.

Draft Programme

9 November	Delegate Visits
<i>All Day</i>	Delegates will be given an opportunity to visit environmentally friendly vehicles research facilities in the UK, including Ricardo, Intelligent Energy, MIRA and Zytec (tbc).
10 November	Conference - Day One
<i>Morning</i>	Introduction
	UK introduction and review of progress since the first EFV conference in Japan in 2003 and the Dutch Energy in Motion conference in 2004. Overview of the air quality and climate change global situation.
	Session 1 - The Development of EFV Technology
	Participating countries and organisations will discuss ways in which international R&D collaboration can be encouraged and seek to define key priority areas for greater collaboration. Issues addressed will include the degree and rate of progress regarding the development of EFV technology.
<i>Afternoon</i>	Session 2 - Increasing the Market Share of EFVs
	Participants will discuss the Government policies and frameworks in place to encourage a market for EFVs. The session will also address the issue of consumer perceptions of EFVs.
<i>Evening</i>	Gala Dinner.
11 November	Conference - Day Two
<i>Morning</i>	Session 3 - Engaging Emerging Economies in the Development of EFVs
	For the mitigation of global warming and air pollution, countermeasures in developing countries play an especially important role. In this context, the session will involve a consideration of the areas and forms of co-operation with emerging economies on the promotion and uptake of EFVs in their countries.
<i>Early Afternoon</i>	Conclusion
	Based on discussions at the conference, participating countries and organisations will consider the future course of international action to facilitate the development and commercialisation of the EFVs.
	Conference closes.

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