



FRANCO-GERMAN ELECTRO-MOBILITY WORKGROUP: A HEAVY SCHEDULE

The Franco-German electro-mobility workgroup convened its first work session in July in Berlin, reuniting representatives of public authorities and standards bodies from the two countries, as well as respective automakers, auto equipment manufacturers and energy suppliers, including *EDF*.

Created by Angela Merkel and Nicolas Sarkozy during the Franco-German Council of Ministers in March 2009, **the group mission is to reinforce cooperation between the two countries in the domain of electro-mobility, particularly as concerns normalization and standardization issues.** The objective is to "*permit France and Germany to assume a leadership role in innovation within the sector*" and to develop cooperation in the middle term for bringing mass-produced electric vehicles to market. Arriving at the objective involves "*establishing world norms and standards for insuring safety of the vehicle and of the interface between the vehicle and the electric grid*". The group will report its conclusions at the Franco-German Council of Ministers in November.

At the July meeting, dedicated for the most part to standardization, Franco-German workgroup experts decided to focus particular emphasis on **recharging infrastructure** (outlets, plugs, tension strength, metering and billing), **and to wiring and vehicle charging modes** (connectors, on-board chargers or no, batteries). **The group will also decide on the exact scope of a cross-border testing project. These issues are to be the objects of an in-depth review at the upcoming workgroup meeting at the end of September in Frankfurt. EDF is charged with representation of the ensemble of industrials** (automakers, equipment manufacturers and energy companies) **on the French side, with Daimler playing the same role on the Germans side.**

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