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Mobility to replace 700 diesel-powered cars with petrol models

Mobility attaches particular importance to sustainability and environmental compatibility. Since it is currently not clear how much nitrogen oxide diesel engines actually emit, the car sharing provider will gradually be replacing 700 diesel-powered vehicles with petrol models, starting in the spring. In the company's view, legislators and manufacturers are called upon to clarify the situation as soon as possible.

Studies show that the main sustainability leverage provided by car sharing is that users share cars instead of purchasing one themselves. In Switzerland alone there are 30'000 fewer privately owned cars on the roads thanks to Mobility. But it is not just the concept of sharing that is environment-friendly: so are the car sharing vehicles themselves. "As far as possible we only use energy-efficient vehicles in our fleet," says Communication Officer Patrick Eigenmann. This is why the company regards it as particularly regrettable that it is currently entirely unclear as to how much nitrogen oxide really is emitted by diesel engines. "Experts assume that the real figures are many times the manufacturer specifications, but unfortunately no reliable information is available. This is why we have decided to take initial action in the Economy category, where we will gradually be replacing 700 diesel cars with petrol models." This number is just under one quarter of the entire Mobility fleet.

The dilemma: more petrol means more CO₂

Mobility's decision to increase its share of petrol-run cars also puts the cooperative in something of a dilemma: petrol-run cars emit less nitrogen oxide than diesel vehicles, but their CO₂ emissions are higher. "This will make it difficult for us to meet the Swiss national CO₂ targets," says Eigenmann. Based on manufacturer specifications as they stand today, Mobility believes it is fully capable of doing so, Eigenmann says, but as soon as new testing methods such as the WLTP are introduced which produce more realistic figures, "the Swiss federal government will have to adjust its targets downwards". Generally speaking Mobility welcomes all measures on the part of legislators and manufacturers aimed at establishing more transparent and more realistic emission figures.

ABOUT MOBILITY CAR SHARING

Mobility Car Sharing offers its 127'300 customers 2'900 vehicles at 1'460 stations. State-of-the-art technology delivers a self-service car sharing system that is user-friendly, economical, fully automatic and available around the clock.

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