

## Car makers overstate fuel-consumption figures

Fuel-consumption figures advertised by car manufacturers overstate the real driving experience by on average 25% **according to research published on 28 May 2013 by the International Council on Clean Transportation**. This causes motorists to spend an average €300 more per year on fuel than as they are led to believe by car manufacturers' ads.

Monique Goyens, Director General of The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) comments:

"This study is yet further confirmation of car manufacturers' sales pitches having little in common with driving reality. Consumers cite fuel prices as a key concern, but fantasy figures from car makers do little to help make consumption-conscious choices.

"The EU should set aside the current, flawed emission test procedure (NEDC) and put the more realistic World Light Duty Test in place.

"Limiting CO2 emissions can reduce the cost of driving, but only if these reductions happen in practice, not just on paper."

For more info on the research: <http://theicct.org/laboratory-road>.