

Press Release – 25 January 2021

For immediate release

**Media Contact:**

Euroconsumers: Will Hummel, [william.hummel@boldtpartners.com](mailto:william.hummel@boldtpartners.com)

## **Euroconsumers wins €16M Class Action Lawsuit against Volkswagen**

*Euroconsumers' member organisation OCU wins five year legal battle against Volkswagen Group España Distribución, S.A*

Brussels 25 January 2021 - Euroconsumers today announced that the Spanish Commercial Court notified Euroconsumers' member [OCU](#) that they reached a decision in OCU's long-running legal dispute against Volkswagen (VW) in the Dieseltgate scandal. The court found that VW used unfair commercial practices, and the Company must compensate affected consumers with an amount of €3000 per individual.

The decision in Spain is now subject to a 20-day appeal process by VW. The Spanish court case is part of the coordinated class action Euroconsumers launched against the Volkswagen Group, with additional ongoing class action lawsuits filed by Euroconsumers' national organisations in Belgium, Italy and Portugal.

“This is great news for Spanish consumers, but we will not stop here. Euroconsumers will not rest until VW compensates all European consumers affected by Dieseltgate. Accepting responsibility for their actions and compensating all European victims is the only way for VW to close the grubby Dieseltgate chapter.” says Ivo Mechels, CEO of Euroconsumers. “Having largely benefitted from the EU single market, this behaviour from VW is infringing its basic rules, putting it at serious risk. VW's unethical and illegal behaviour is not acceptable and the company should be held accountable before the law.”





## **About Euroconsumers**

Gathering five national consumer organisations and giving voice to a total of more than 1.5 million people, Euroconsumers is the world's leading consumer cluster in innovative information, personalised services and defence of consumer's rights. Our organisations work together and also with BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, and Consumers International to ensure consumers are safe, that markets are fair and benefit from honest relations with businesses and authorities.

