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Historic victory for Euroconsumers' member Altroconsumo: Volkswagen condemned to pay more than €200m to Italian Dieselpgate victims

Brussels, Belgium - 7 July 2021 - Euroconsumers' member Altroconsumo has won the Italian class action against the Volkswagen group (VW) claiming compensation for consumers affected by the Dieselpgate scandal.

In this historic decision VW AK and VW Italia are condemned to pay Euro 3.300, plus interest, to each one of the more than 63.000 consumers who joined the class action. **A total of more than 200 million euros. This is the largest class action won in Europe to this day!**

Altroconsumo started the legal procedures against the Volkswagen group more than 5 years ago, together with its sister organisations in Belgium (Test Aankoop/Test Achats), Spain (OCU) and Portugal (Deco), as part of a [Euroconsumers coordinated class action](#). Because consumers that have been cheated have the right to be compensated.

"The net is closing in on Volkswagen. This historical court decision shows once more it is crystal clear Dieselpgate victims need to get compensation for the harm inflicted upon them by the emissions fraud. It's time for Volkswagen to face the music and also compensate consumers in Belgium, Portugal and Spain without wasting time with useless appeals" said Els Bruggeman, Head of Policy and Enforcement at Euroconsumers.

"This decision underlines the strength and robustness of Euroconsumers' class actions as an important and efficient tool to protect the rights of individual consumers. By joining forces, not only in Italy, but also in Belgium, Spain and Portugal, we are stronger. We started this together and will not stop until all our consumers get the compensation they are entitled to", added Marco Pierani, Director Public Affairs & Media Relations at Euroconsumers.

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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. We work closely together with Consumers International to ensure consumers are safe, that markets are fair and benefit from honest relations with businesses and authorities. Our European member groups are also part of the umbrella network of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation. Together we advocate for EU policies that benefit consumers in their daily lives.

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