

## **New chapter in the Dieselgate saga: €42.8 million secured for nearly 47,000 Italian consumers in collective legal settlement**

**Brussels, 14 April 2026 – Euroconsumers welcomes a major milestone as its Italian member Altroconsumo successfully concludes the Dieselgate class action in Italy, bringing long-awaited compensation to consumers impacted by the Dieselgate emissions scandal.**

Thanks to a dedicated platform set up by Altroconsumo, 46,740 Italian consumers have received compensation totalling €42,844,354.11. This represents **the most significant outcome ever achieved through a collective redress action in Italy**, with a similar victory secured [last year in Belgium](#).

The settlement stems from a case that began in 2015, when Euroconsumers and its member organisations launched coordinated legal actions against the Volkswagen Group across Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Spain. In Italy, an [agreement was reached](#) in May 2024 between Altroconsumo and Volkswagen, allowing eligible consumers to obtain compensation ranging from €550 to €1,100 per vehicle, with an additional €300 in cases of joint ownership.

“This milestone reflects a decade of coordinated action by Euroconsumers and its member organisations to secure justice for consumers across Europe. From the outset of the Dieselgate scandal, we have worked relentlessly to ensure that all affected consumers are treated equally and receive the compensation they deserve. This outcome shows that strong, collective enforcement effort can deliver real results.” said Marco Scialdone, Head of Litigation and Academic Outreach at Euroconsumers.

### **A long road to justice: strengthening enforcement across Europe**

Euroconsumers and its member organisations were among the first in Europe to take coordinated legal action following the Dieselgate scandal. While progress has been made in several countries, outcomes remain uneven, underlining the need for stronger and more harmonised enforcement of consumer rights across the EU.

Consumer protection is nothing without [enforcement](#) and so Euroconsumers and its organisations will continue to lead important class actions which benefit consumers all across the single market.

Read the full Altroconsumo press release [here](#).



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## About Euroconsumers

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