



ADPA joins an international coalition on in-vehicle data

## Global Vehicle Right to Repair Position Statement

Brussels, 26 April 2023 - ADPA has joined other global automotive associations to support the critical global right to repair movement by signing the new right to repair position statement. The statement enumerates the core beliefs of the movement and the objectives and intended outcomes of right to repair legislation. Importantly, the document sets forth 10 principles to developing a framework for right to repair legislation fit for the digitalisation of the automotive aftermarket.



Globally, the automotive aftermarket keeps 1,5 billion vehicles on the road while contributing €1,6 trillion to the economy. After vehicles exit their warranty period, independent repair shops perform 70% of repairs. In the European Union alone, the independent, multi-brand automotive aftermarket gathers over 500.000 companies (many of them SMEs) and 4,3 million people, offering innovative and competitive services and solutions for the safety, environmental performance and overall roadworthiness of more than 320 million vehicles used by individuals, companies and public authorities. This vibrant industry and the consumer choice that it creates is being threatened by automotive manufacturers that block access to wirelessly transmitted vehicle repair and maintenance data.

Without the convenience and choice of independent parts and repair, especially in suburban and rural communities, consumers will have limited access to affordable vehicle service and repair. These restrictions can have catastrophic effects on local economies and the well-being and safety of millions that rely on vehicle transportation daily.

The coalition calls upon public authorities to adopt legislations promoting a level playing field, allowing for consumer choice, and ensuring affordability. Such legislation should in particular guarantee an equal, real-time and secure access to in-vehicle data.

Ralf Pelkmann, ADPA President, said: “The entire multi-brand aftermarket worldwide is eager to be able to offer new digital solutions that meet the expectations of its customers. This initiative is a wake-up call for authorities to enable us to finally do so.”

Pierre Thibaudat, ADPA Director General, added: “Some legislative progresses have been made in the European Union, but not enough yet to have a lighthouse effect as we did in the past. We must act now!”

### For more information

The [statement](#)

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