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Mobility transition pathway

ADPA pledge

SAFETY - SUSTAINABILITY - AFFORDABILITY



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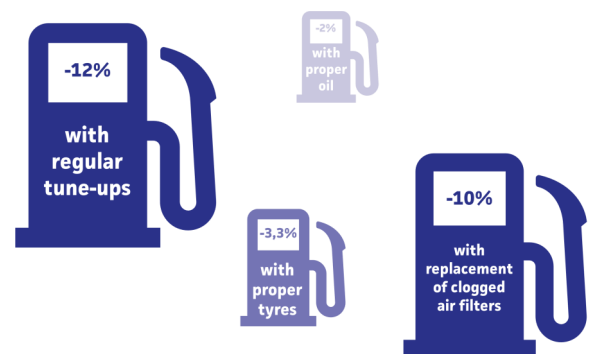
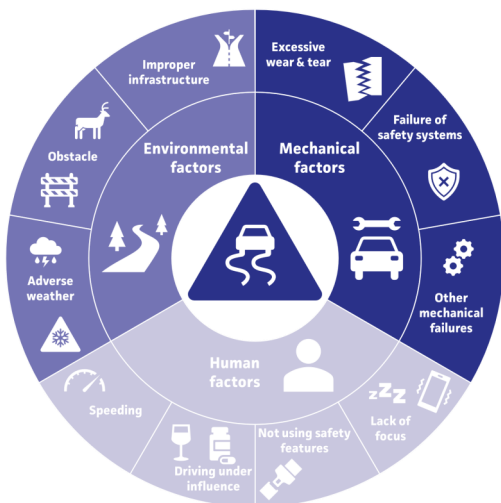


Introduction

Mobility, in particular road mobility, is an essential component of the European way of life, and the automotive ecosystem is a heavy-weight in European economics. Like many other sectors, and with a wider impact considering its importance and its size, it has to face major challenges in the twin transition, to become more sustainable and to rely further on digitalisation. The *Transition pathway for the EU mobility industrial ecosystem* published by the European Commission is to this regard a major milestone which ADPA welcomes and supports.

The performance of vehicles usually declines after their sale, endangering their safety and increasing their environmental footprint. More regular service, maintenance and repair would significantly and efficiently help maintaining the existing car park in optimal conditions and its roadworthiness. Yet, these operations are becoming increasingly expensive, lengthy and complicated for consumers. This trend urgently needs to be reversed so that these operations can become on the contrary more affordable and more convenient. This would be possible in particular if competition and innovation in the automotive aftermarket were not hindered by technical and commercial restrictions unduly put in place by powerful market players. A cost-effective way to do it (i.e. reducing the costs for the consumers without increasing the costs for public authorities, e.g. through subsidies) is to ensure a level-playing field for competition through the implementation and the enforcement of targeted and detailed legislative and regulatory measures.

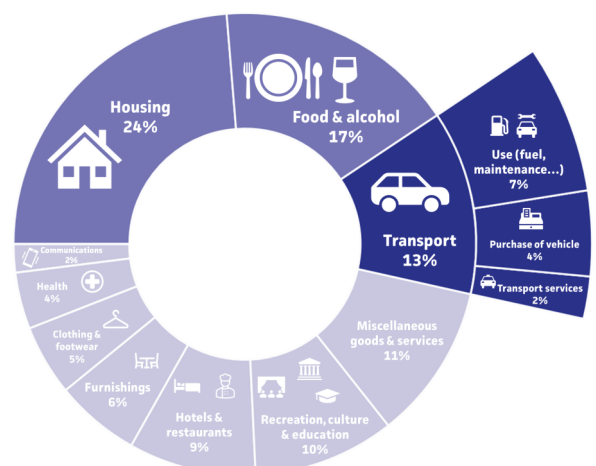
Facts and figures: service, maintenance and repair play a key role for mobility to be safe, sustainable and affordable



Proper servicing and maintenance of vehicles can significantly reduce their fuel consumption.

Accidents are often caused by a combination of various factors, among which the poor state of the vehicle itself and of its components is the most avoidable risk.

Europeans spend more to use their car than to purchase it, or than they do on health.



1. General pledges

Therefore, and with a view to making sure that road mobility successfully goes through the twin transition, ADPA makes the following principal pledges.

- ADPA pledges to continue supporting a better affordability and simplicity of the servicing, maintaining and repairing of road vehicles, improving the safety and the sustainability of road vehicles over their lifetime.
- ADPA pledges to continue supporting more innovation and competition in the automotive aftermarket, so that customers can benefit from an increase in the quality and quantity of services and solutions improving their experience of road mobility and matching their expectations in terms of sustainability and digital possibilities.
- ADPA pledges to continue its efforts for all workshops to have access to affordable, reliable, up-to-date, harmonised and detailed technical information necessary for the service, maintenance and repair of increasingly complex vehicles produced by an increasing number of vehicle manufacturers.
- ADPA pledges to avoid that the essential contribution of the automotive aftermarket to the safety and sustainability of the automotive aftermarket becomes an unfair and unproportionate source of revenue for the largest stakeholders benefitting from their position, through undue restrictions keeping consumers captive and forcing the independent, multi-brand aftermarket into unsustainable financial agreements.
- ADPA pledges to support the European Union's institutions in the adoption, implementation and enforcement of ambitious legislations improving competition in the automotive aftermarket preventing the establishment of brand-specific monopolies, be it by technical design or commercial practices, ultimately keeping consumers captive and unduly raising their costs.

The Type Approval Regulation might be revised soon. ADPA pledges to support the adoption of a balanced approach securing the vehicles while not unduly and unproportionally impairing the independent aftermarket.

A sector-specific legislation on access to in-vehicle data and functions has been called for by consumers and businesses alike for several years. ADPA pledges to support its rapid adoption and implementation, unleashing the potential of data for new services.

The Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation expires in 2028. ADPA pledges to support its continuation and upgrade to tackle new commercial practices and technological trends impacting and impairing competition in the automotive aftermarket.

- ADPA pledges to enforce existing European Union's legislations providing safeguards for competition in the automotive aftermarket. In particular, ADPA will highlight to relevant authorities current issues and potential failures to comply with existing aftermarket provisions enshrined in the European Union's legislation.



2. Specific pledges

Objective	Action	Timeline
Topic 1—Resilience and sustainable competitiveness		
Improving the life cycle assessment of vehicles	Contributing to sector’s initiatives such as GreenNCAP and the Forum on Automotive Aftermarket Sustainability with relevant data	Continuous work
Topic 2—Sustainable competitiveness of the automotive industry		
Avoiding SERMI being misused, resulting in undue monopoly on repair and maintenance information	Proposing adaptation to the SERMI scheme to better take into account intermediaries	Q1 2025
	Becoming a full member of the SERMI association to raise awareness on intermediaries	Q3 2025
Topic 9—Affordability		
Raising awareness on the link between the affordability of repair and maintenance and the safety and sustainability of road mobility	Releasing a first study on the matter and largely disseminating it	Q4 2024
Improving the enforcement of legislations safeguarding competition in the automotive aftermarket	Joining the Forum for the Exchange of Information on Enforcement of the EU legislation on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles	Q1 2025
	Continuing enforcement actions, in particular against abusive contractual conditions impairing competition and increasing prices for end-consumers	Continuous work
Topic 11—Skills		
Improving the attractiveness of the automotive ecosystem, and in particular of the multi-brand automotive aftermarket, for the skilled workforce	Supporting sector’s initiatives such as Talents4Aftermarket	Continuous work



