



European Commission's Action Plan for the automotive sector

## A welcomed step in the right direction, now it is time for action!

Press Release

**SAFETY - SUSTAINABILITY - AFFORDABILITY**

**Brussels, 5 March 2025 - The European Commission has unveiled today its Action Plan for the future of the European automotive sector. ADPA welcomes the important announcements it contains on digitalisation (with a long-awaited reference to access to in-vehicle data and functions) and e-mobility (with much-needed measures on battery repairability), and calls for rapid and ambitious progress on these questions.**

ADPA and numerous other associations representing consumers, the repair and maintenance sector, fleet operators and insurers, have advocated for a long time for the European Union to adopt a legislation framing and securing access to in-vehicle data and functions, in a way that would respect the highest standards in terms of cybersecurity and data privacy. Such a legislation is essential to enable the development of innovative and competitive services, such as remote diagnostics and predictive maintenance, based on the technical information generated by the vehicle. However, proprietary telematics systems and lack of enabling legislating are currently limiting investment and innovation in this field, damaging consumers' welfare and threatening the European worldwide leadership in aftermarket services, which supportive legislations had made possible up until now.

The European Union itself has acknowledged the need for dedicated rules. Some ground principles and targeted provisions have been included in various legislations, such as the Data Act and the Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation, but they need to be strongly and rapidly complemented by a general framework addressing holistically the specificities of the automotive sector. The Data Act itself foresees that it should be complemented by a dedicated legislation, and the Joint Research Centre had proven the need for it already back in 2018. Numerous consultation processes have confirmed the overwhelming support of consumers and businesses for it.

ADPA also appreciates the willingness of the European Commission to improve the repairability of batteries. The current cost of their repair is often deterrent for new customers and limit the resale value of electric vehicles, also limiting the primary market. More affordable and reliable repair of this critical system will provide benefits for consumers and the entire value chain.

Michael Pedersen, ADPA President, commented: "The political recognition that access to data and functions is a critical issue for the competitiveness of the European automotive sector is a welcomed progress. However, the urgent need for a dedicated and complete legislation remains high, and our ecosystem cannot afford another postponement of long awaited measures of which the absolute necessity has been unequivocally documented. Similarly, only a rapid materialisation of measures to improve batteries' repairability will help build customers' confidence and demand for electric vehicles."

Pierre Thibaudat, ADPA Director General, added: "The European Union's institutions now have a clear roadmap to tackle these issues and enable the automotive aftermarket, responsible for the vast majority of automotive jobs and the vast majority of the lifecycle of vehicles, in untapping the potential of automotive data, building consumers' confidence in e-mobility, and unleashing the innovation and competitiveness of European companies—ADPA is there to support them in this journey."

### For more information

ADPA webpages on [digitalisation](#) and on [sustainability](#)

Pierre THIBAUDAT, ADPA Director General [pierre.thibaudat@adpa.eu](mailto:pierre.thibaudat@adpa.eu)

ADPA, the European Automotive Data Publishers Association, aims to ensure fair access to automotive data and information needed for the repair and maintenance of the 280 millions vehicles on European roads, contributing to their continuous roadworthiness over their lifetime. Its members design and provide competitive, innovative and multibrand solutions to operators of the automotive aftermarket. Founded in 2016 and based in Brussels, ADPA is a Member of AFCAR, the Alliance for the Freedom of Car Repair in the European Union, and FAAS, the Forum for Automotive Aftermarket Sustainability.