

Carmunication joins ADPA

Press Release

SAFETY - SUSTAINABILITY - AFFORDABILITY

Brussels, 1 July 2025 - Today, Carmunication becomes ADPA's 18th Member, as approved by the last ADPA General Assembly. By joining forces, the two aftermarket associations intend to improve road mobility's safety, sustainability and affordability through services based on in-vehicle technical data and functions, delivering benefits to the independent aftermarket, consumers and society at large.

As vehicles are increasingly equipped with a growing number of various sensors monitoring different aspects of its performance and transmitting data, new services such as predictive maintenance and remote diagnostics could become much more widespread in the automotive aftermarket, improving the overall experience of road mobility. However, this will only fully materialise if the independent, multi-brand aftermarket can access the in-vehicle data and functions without undue hindrances from the vehicle manufacturers, who can currently act as self-appointed gatekeepers. The current situation severely limits competition and innovation, with adverse effects on consumers' purchasing power and freedom of choice.

Over the years, ADPA has advocated, in particular as part of AFCAR, the Alliance for the Freedom of Car Repair, for a European Union's legislation which would grant a secure and fair access to in-vehicle data and functions to the independent aftermarket. In parallel, Carmunication has become a central forum for the entire data supply chain of the automotive aftermarket, to help to protect the IAM business and pull new growth from data management and telematics.

Michael Pedersen, ADPA President, commented: "ADPA and Carmunication share a common vision of an independent automotive aftermarket able to develop and market innovative and competitive services and solutions, based on the untapped potential of in-vehicle technical data, giving true choice and value to consumers. Working closer together is a logical step on this path."

Freek Blekxtoon, Carmunication Chairman, added: "The complementarity of Carmunication and ADPA makes them natural allies in the advocacy for a level-playing field in the provision of digital services improving the diagnostic, the maintenance, the repair and the servicing of vehicles. Added up, our respective know-how will make a positive impact for the market."

Pierre Thibaudat, ADPA Director General, concluded: "ADPA and Carmunication will combine their political, regulatory, commercial and technical expertise to strengthen our call for a robust framework on access to in-vehicle data, functions and resources, a legislation long awaited by consumers and businesses alike, and whose need has been amply demonstrated."

For more information

ADPA webpage on [digitalisation](#)

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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.