

ADPA approved as new member of the SERMI association

Press Release

Brussels, 13 November 2025 - ADPA is welcomed by its peers in SERMI, the association in charge of managing a scheme for access to SEcurity related Repair and Maintenance Information (SERMI), which is mandated by European legislation and supervised by the European Commission.

AIRC, CECRA, FIA and FIGIEFA have approved ADPA joining them as a full member of the SERMI association as of the 1st of January 2026. ADPA, considering the central position of its Members for the provision of technical information in the aftermarket, and after having voluntarily provided its expertise for a seamless deployment of the SERMI scheme in the European Union, had applied for such a status to further strengthen its contribution to this important mechanism securing access to security related technical information.

As a full member, ADPA will further contribute to the continued development and governance of the SERMI scheme, which plays a vital role in ensuring that data publishers can securely access and handle information required for vehicle diagnostics, repair, and maintenance - particularly anti-theft information today, and likely additional sensitive information tomorrow.

ADPA is looking forward to contribute to the work of SERMI, together with the other Members, to mitigate potential issues for the so-called "remote service suppliers" and their impact on their ability to provide complete technical information to independent workshops. It will also provide its support to SERMI long-term efforts to prevent potential misuses of the scheme, which could result in undue restrictions for the independent automotive aftermarket.

Michael Pedersen, ADPA President, said: "We firmly believe in the principle of "Nothing about us without us". As the specialists of technical information in the automotive aftermarket, our membership to SERMI sends a strong signal to the market that we will pursue our commitment to enable workshops to access the complete, reliable and affordable information they need to perform their job, securing their customer basis."

Jan-Willem van der Linden, Co-chair of SERMI, added: "We are stronger together. It was only logical for us to make SERMI even more representative of the sector by welcoming ADPA and its members, who are frontrunners in the publication of technical information, and who brought and will continue to bring their knowledge and expertise to the table to further strengthen the scheme."

Pierre Thibaudat, ADPA Director General, concluded: "Thanks to the trust from SERMI Members, we are now in a better position to ensure that this well-intended instrument doesn't become a tool for anti-competitive practices which are hurting consumers and the independent aftermarket alike, and make it the success story it deserves to be."

For more information

SERMI legislation - [Commission Delegated Regulation 2021/1244](#)

SERMI association - [Website](#)

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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.