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Coupling competition and competitiveness

SAFETY - SUSTAINABILITY - AFFORDABILITY



Wednesday 3 December 2025
18:00-20:00 for the conference
20:00-21:30 for the reception



Press Club
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The automotive aftermarket plays a vital role in keeping Europe on the move. It ensures that vehicles remain safe, clean, and affordable throughout their lifetime, contributing directly to road safety, environmental sustainability, and consumer choice. Beyond its societal impact, the aftermarket represents a major economic force - employing millions of Europeans, supporting thousands of SMEs across all Member States, and generating significant value within the European Union's industrial and service ecosystems.

Today, however, the sector stands at a crossroads. The digital transformation of mobility, the growing complexity of vehicles, and the increasing importance of in-vehicle data are reshaping how repair and maintenance are performed. Ensuring fair and secure access to repair and maintenance information and vehicle data is therefore essential - not only to preserve competition in the aftermarket, but also to strengthen the overall competitiveness of Europe's automotive industry and to empower consumers with real choice.

Join us to discuss and explore how smart regulation, open information, and innovation can work hand in hand to sustain Europe's mobility. Together, we can ensure that fair access to technical data keeps vehicles - and Europe - moving forward.

17:30-18:00

Welcome & registration

18:00-18:10

Welcome address

- Michael Pedersen / ADPA, President

18:10-19:00

Panel 1 - Open access or closed systems? The future of vehicle repair and maintenance information

- Kate Elliott / Right to Repair South Africa, Chief Executive Officer
- Elisabeth Macher / Osborne Clarke, Counsel
- Jan-Willem van der Linden / SERMI, Co-chair

19:00-19:50

Panel 2 - Plugged in or locked out? Access to vehicle data in a connected world

- Sylvia Gotzen / AFCAR, Coordinator
- Diogo Pinto / FIA Region I, Acting Director General
- Jens Knodel / Caruso, Head of Platform Engineering

19:50-20:00

Closing remarks

20:00-21:30

Reception

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.