

Good news for consumers, businesses, society and the environment

Statement

Dennis De Buck (ADPA Board Member & ADPA Sustainability Working Group Chair), 18 June 2026 - ADPA warmly welcomes the large adoption by the European Parliament of the End of Life Vehicle Regulation. This legislation is the result of hard work from the European Union's institutions and we are confident that it will ultimately benefit consumers, companies in the aftermarket, and society at large.

The fact that new vehicles must be designed in such a way that it should be as easy as possible to remove and retrieve parts and components, safeguarding their ability to serve as replacement for other vehicles, is a welcomed step to sustain circular economy in the automotive aftermarket. It will complete the tremendous efforts of our ecosystem to reuse, remanufacture and refurbish parts and components, expanding their lifespan and reducing their footprint, while limiting the need for importing raw materials to produce entirely new systems. At a time where strategic autonomy and sovereignty are high on the political agenda - and rightly so -, reducing our dependencies and sustaining our European businesses is a smart move.

We are particularly satisfied to see that the European Union's institutions have recognised the increasingly important role of access to technical information. As vehicles grow continuously in complexity, access to reliable and affordable technical information is paramount to the efficiency and accuracy of operations performed on vehicles, including when they enter their end-of-life stage. In that sense, the fact that legislators have acknowledged the specific role of publishers of technical information is a welcomed development. It will enable everyone acting in the end-of-life segment to benefit from multi-brand, aggregated information, instead of having to rely on the diverse, non-aligned methodologies of vehicle manufacturers. The provisions on the technical and commercial conditions for vehicle manufacturers to make such information available are also bringing much needed clarification. We very much welcome that information should be "up-to-date" and that access to it should be "unrestricted, standardised and non-discriminatory". The clear wording on fees, which should be cost-based and merely "cover the actual administrative costs incurred for making the required information accessible", should avoid abuses, and clearly indicates that this cannot become a profit centre for vehicle manufacturers.

ADPA is looking forward the entry into application of this legislation, and stands ready to work with all involved stakeholders to make sure it delivers its promises.

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