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The European Parliament urges the Commission to adopt legislation on access to in-vehicle data and resources

The TRAN committee of the European Parliament has adopted an own-initiative report calling on the Commission to publish a legislative proposal on access to in-vehicle data and resources by the end of the year

Today, the Transport and Tourism Committee of the European Parliament has adopted an own initiative report on the European Strategy on Cooperative and Intelligent Transport Systems (2017/2067(INI)) - drafted by the rapporteur Istvan Ujhelyi (S&D - HUNGARY) - aimed at boosting the competitiveness of the European industry when it comes to cooperative, connected and automated vehicles.

At its point 20, the Parliament report clearly states:

"[the European Parliament] recommends that the Commission rapidly establishes an adequate legal framework to achieve EU-wide cross-border interoperability, as well as a framework laying down rules on liability for the use of the various forms of connected transport; calls on the Commission to publish a legislative proposal on access to in-vehicle data and resources by the end of the year; recommends that this proposal should allow the entire automotive value chain and users to benefit from digitalisation and guarantee a level playing field and maximum security with regard to access and storage of in-vehicle data for third parties, which should be fair, timely and unrestricted in order to protect consumer rights, promote innovation and ensure fair, non-discriminatory competition on this market in respect of the principle of technological neutrality"

CECRA, which has long been standing to ensure an equal access to in-vehicle data and resources to the European automotive dealers and repairers (CECRA's position paper on Connectivity), is pleased to see that the European Parliament has eventually decided to support and promote this principle of fairness and equity, which is likely to improve the quality and the affordability of vehicle-related services for all the European consumers.

We are also pleased to see that, on top of the recommendation, the European Parliament has also put a clear deadline for the Commission to come up with a legislative proposal: by the end of the year!

CECRA, in the coming weeks, is going to verify whether the European Commission will actually take the necessary steps to fulfil the recommendation of the parliament.

A first opportunity for the European Commission to do so might be the 3rd Mobility Package, whose publication is due for the 2nd of May, this year.

Stay tuned!



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