



GEAR 2030

Beginning of 2016, as a follow-up of CARS 21 and CARS 2020, the EC launched the initiative of a new High Level Group called GEAR 2030. The aim is to analyse the main challenges that will affect the competitiveness and sustainability of the European automotive sector in the coming years and to develop a forward-looking agenda to fuel innovation, adapt to new trends and reinforce access to growth-driven markets.

GEAR 2030 is organised in 3 Working Groups:

- Adaptation of the value chain to new global challenges
- Automated and connected vehicles
- Trade, international harmonisation and global competitiveness.

A final report is expected to be adopted by the end of 2017.

CECRA, which is particularly active in the 1st WG 'Adaptation of the value chain to new global challenges', is and will be insisting on the role that car dealers and repairers will play in the future.

Although they will have to adapt themselves to the new business models (with the challenges and opportunities that they represent), car dealers and repairers will certainly remain a key actor within the automotive value chain for both the sales and the after-sales, because of their proximity with the consumers.