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Equal access to data: the EU Parliament calls for a robust regulatory framework before January 2020

Today, 22 November 2018, the TRAN Committee (Transport and Tourism) of the European Parliament has adopted a draft own-initiative report on Autonomous driving in European transport which calls on the European Commission to introduce a robust legislative framework ensuring the removal of any obstacle to the use of in-vehicle data before January 2020

Today, after its launch, back in July 2018, the Parliament draft own-initiative report - led by the Dutch MEP Wim Van de Camp (EPP) and aimed at stressing the need for Europe to be on the forefront and reap the benefits of automated and connected road transport - has made a crucial step in its way towards a successful final adoption by the plenary.

The text, which touches upon several pre-requisites for a successful deployment of autonomous and connected driving (i.e. technology, infrastructure, field tests, research funds, safety and security, consumer protection, etc.), highlights the key role of *“reliable in-vehicle and route data as fundamental building blocks for the achievement of both autonomous and connected driving in a Single European Transport Area and for competitive services for end users”*.

From the point of view of CECRA which, together with several other European associations in the automotive sector, has constantly been standing for the introduction of European rules enabling an equal access to in-vehicle data for all players of the mobility eco-system - the most important parts of the report are:

- *Paragraph4a*
Affirms the need to explore legislative actions to ensure fair and secure, real-time and technology-neutral access to in-vehicle data by some 3rd party entities; such access should enable end users and third parties to benefit from digitalisation and promote a level playing field and security with regard to storage of in-vehicle data. Affirms the need to explore legislative actions to ensure fair and secure, real-time and technology-neutral access to in-vehicle data by some 3rd party entities
- *Paragraph8*
Notes that reliable in-vehicle and route data are fundamental building blocks for the achievement of both autonomous and connected driving in a Single European Transport Area and for competitive services for end users; urges the Commission, therefore, to ensure that obstacles to the use of such data, are dismantled and a robust regulatory system in this respect is put in place before 1 January 2020, ensuring the same data quality and availability across Member States;

Bernard Lycke, CECRA's Director General comments the report as follows: "There have been many consultations, workshops, discussions about the issue of access to data under this Commission's mandate. Today's vote is important as it will allow the next Commission to take all this work into account in order to establish before January 2020 – one year from now- a robust regulatory system on the use of in-vehicle data as required by the European Parliament in its paragraph 8".

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