

# Press Release

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## ECJ ruling on restrictions on access to OBD information

CECRA welcomes the decision of the European Court of Justice ruling that manufacturer-specific restrictions on access to vehicles' on-board diagnostic (OBD) systems are unlawful. This Court decision strengthens our position that security gateways implemented under the pretext of cybersecurity are unfair and conflicting with EU legislations.

The decision sends a strong message: EU regulations must be respected without setting barriers to dealers or repairers seeking access to in-vehicle data. CECRA continues to claim it is crucial that all dealers and aftermarket operators have an equal access to in-vehicle data, functions and resources, in order to ensure fair competition.

Bernard Lycke, Director General of CECRA emphasises: “there is no quality and innovative services without an equal access to in-vehicle data! This is the reason for which we continue requesting the European Commission to come very soon with the long awaited sector specific legislation. We continue to advocate that fair and transparent practices are essential within the automotive ecosystem so that the interests of consumers, and dealers and repairers, are duly taken into account.”

[European Court of Justice \(Eighth Chamber\) Case C-296/22 opposing ATU and Carglass to FCA Italy](#)

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