



Brussels, 1 February 2018

RE: Vote on the Draft Report on a European Strategy on C-ITS – We call on MEPs to support point 20 and the urgent need for legal framework on access to vehicle data

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

On behalf of FIA Region I we are writing with regard to the INI Report on a European C-ITS Strategy, and in particular to highlight our support for 'Point 20' that calls on the EU Commission to establish a binding legislative proposal on access to vehicle data.

We also understand that a compromise amendment has been proposed that calls on the Commission to monitor the need for a legislative proposal – This would be wholly unacceptable.

Why is dedicated legislation is needed on access to data?

As you will be well aware, vehicles are increasingly sharing and receiving data, which is having an impact on both motorists¹ and independent service providers that FIA Region I represents. A recent [study carried out for the European Commission](#) explored the likely consequences of different approaches to accessing vehicle data. One of the key findings concerned the approach offered by vehicle manufacturers. The so called 'Extended Vehicle' concept was found to have clear problems with regard fair and undistorted competition.

The considerable weaknesses of the unregulated Extended Vehicle approach will in turn mean there being **less consumer choice, less competition and ultimately higher costs for both consumers and independent service providers**. The TRL study also makes it clear: Having a dedicated legal framework is essential to ensure against the problems of the 'Extended Vehicle' approach.

It is essential that the European Commission comes forward with a legislative proposal as a matter of great urgency and within this Commission's term. It is therefore critical that the European Parliament takes this opportunity to call for action, and in turn ensure that access to vehicle data guarantees strong consumer choice, data privacy, cyber security and a vibrant automotive after-market sector. In turn, we call on Members of the TRAN Committee to:

- **Support the wording in point 20 in the original draft report and specifically that calls on the 'Commission to publish a legislative proposal on access to in-vehicle data and resources no later than September 2018'.**
- **Reject the proposed compromise amendment** that would call on the Commission to continue monitoring the need for legislation.

¹ The FIA Region I [MyCarMyData campaign](#) showed how consumers are embracing connectivity but it also revealed how they are deeply concerned about the use of their data and want dedicated legislation on access to data



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If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us².

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Laurianne Krid', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Laurianne Krid
Director General, FIA Region I

² Please note that this letter is a follow up and inline with the AFCAR letter sent on January 25 to all members of the TRAN Committee