

2026 – A YEAR OF CHANGE

2025 coming to an end, it's time to look on the important initiatives

that will now shape the automotive aftermarket in 2026.

1. In November 2025, the European Commission launched public consultations on proposed amendments to Annex X of the Type Approval Regulation regarding access to vehicle data. A delegated regulation is expected to enter into force in the second quarter of 2026. EGEA strongly supports this initiative to update the current legal framework through a delegated act. These changes are essential to keep pace with technological progress while ensuring fair competition in the automotive spare parts market. These efforts will contribute to a stable automotive industry and protect consumers from excessive mobility costs.

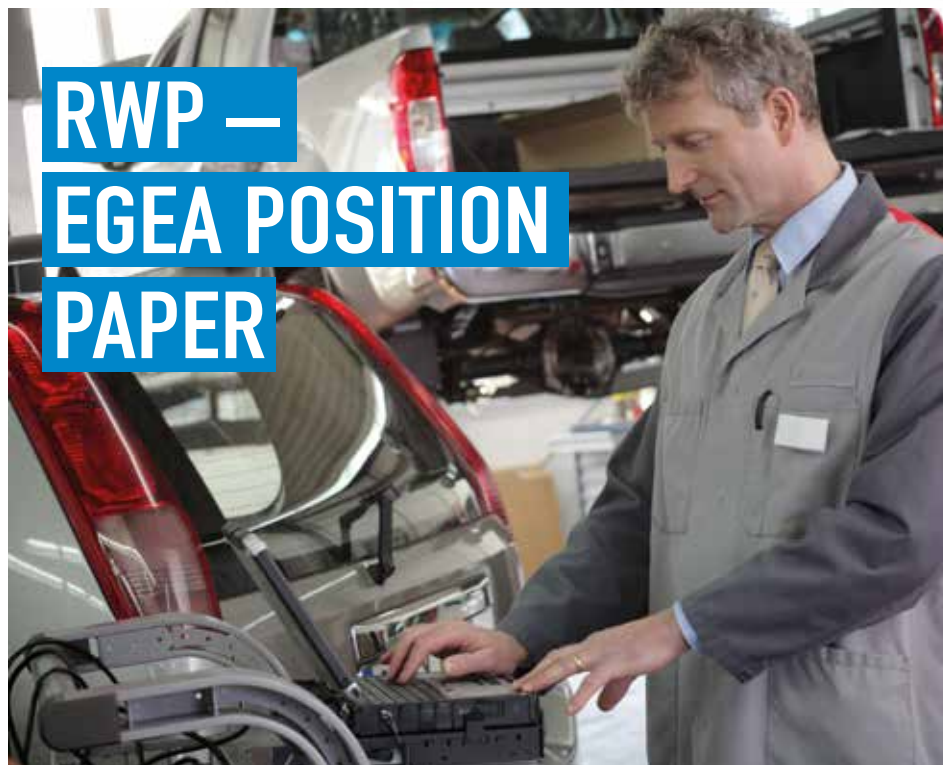
2. 2026 is also expected to be the year of the Road Safety Package. EGEA actively contributed to the position paper during the public consultation phase. A summary of our contributions can be found in this newsletter.

The legislative process is now moving forward. All legal procedures are expected to be completed in 2026. EGEA remains in close contact with stakeholders to ensure the smooth implementation of these proposals and continues to play an active role in the legislative process.

We have a busy year ahead of us in 2026: the coming months will be crucial for our members and for EGEA. We are committed to ensuring that the planned regulatory developments strengthen the automotive aftermarket – to the benefit of consumers and businesses.

On behalf of EGEA, I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and successful 2026!

Rafal Sosnowski, EGEA Vice-President



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EGEA expressly welcomes the European Commission's proposal to revise the road safety package. The European Association of Workshop Equipment Manufacturers is convinced that this will improve road safety, promote environmental protection and facilitate the mutual exchange of information between Member States. EGEA supports the objectives of the proposal and makes the following important recommendations:

- **Emission testing:** Support for particle number (PN) testing for all vehicles with combustion engines and retention of exhaust emission testing at high idle speed for effective NOx control.
- **Access to vehicle data:** Mandate open, harmonised access to vehicle data via VIN-based protocols to improve the reliability of inspections and fraud detection.
- **ADAS:** Mandate performance testing for active safety systems where calibration or malfunctions could compromise road safety.
- **Noise:** Advocate systematic noise measurements for L-category vehicles, which have already proven their worth in several Member States.
- **Electric vehicles:** Introduce harmonised

safety tests for electric and hybrid vehicles with reference to UNECE R100 and European standards.

- **Suspension tests:** Include the validated phase-shift suspension test method in the annexes to the package.
- **Lighting systems:** Establish EU-wide digital standards for testing adaptive and intelligent headlights.
- **Brakes:** Retain the current performance-based brake test protocols using certified equipment.
- **L-category vehicles:** Clarify the test procedures and approval methods for two- and three-wheelers.
- **Electronic communication:** Ensure electronic data transfer directly from test equipment to national databases via MOVE-HUB.

With its positions and recommendations, EGEA reaffirms its commitment to implementing a modern, safe and environmentally friendly framework for vehicle testing across Europe. EGEA's official position paper was presented in July 2025 as part of a public consultation. EGEA is involved in the legislative process and is in contact with all relevant stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the proposals.



AT A GLANCE: FMA – FÉDÉRATION DU MATÉRIEL POUR L'AUTOMOBILE

The FMA – Fédération du Matériel pour l'Automobile is the Belgian trade association for the automotive parts, accessories and garage equipment sector. It is one of the professional associations under the umbrella of the mobility association TRAXIO.

The FMA represents the interests of wholesalers, original equipment manufacturers and importers at national and European level. Here, the association is a member of the industry associations EGEA and FIGIEFA. The association's organisation is integrated into the overall structure of TRAXIO. Management is handled centrally by TRAXIO in Brussels, while a separate board of directors under President Philippe Hendrickx sets the strategic industry goals. Exact membership figures are not publicly disclosed.

Location & contact:

The association is based at the TRAXIO umbrella organisation's office in Brussels.

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→ Website (umbrella organisation): www.traxio.be

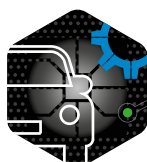
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45TH EGEA ANNIVERSARY

On 17 October 2025, EGEA celebrated its 45th anniversary with a gala dinner. The celebration took place during the renowned Equip Auto Exhibition in Paris. The venue was deliberately chosen for its special historical significance. EGEA was founded in Paris in 1980. Forty-five years later, the association returned to its birthplace to celebrate its anniversary.

GUESTS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE

The gala brought together members, partners and friends from all over Europe to celebrate more than four decades of progress and cooperation in the workshop equipment industry. What began as a



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small group of national associations has developed into a strong, united European voice representing the entire sector. Over the years, EGEA has played a central role in shaping technical standards, ensuring fair competition and promoting sustainability—while supporting innovation and safety in the mobility sector.

The evening was not only an opportunity



to look back on these achievements, but also to look ahead. The automotive world is undergoing rapid change, driven by digitalisation, connectivity and the green transition. EGEA has embraced these changes head-on. EGEA intends to continue to play a pioneering role in developing solutions that make vehicles cleaner, safer and more efficient.

TOGETHER FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all members and partners whose commitment and expertise have made EGEA what it is today: a respected, forward-looking association. Together, we will continue to build a sustainable future for European mobility. Here's to the next 45 years of progress, partnership, and innovation!



Together with friends and supporters from all over Europe, EGEA officials celebrated the 45th anniversary of the European umbrella organisation for workshop equipment suppliers in Paris.

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CURRENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EGEA WORKING GROUPS

The latest meeting of the Diagnostics Working Group (24 November 2025) addressed important regulatory developments and challenges in the automotive sector. The focus was on the current revision of Annex X of 858 TAR. A compromise was presented at the meeting that had been reached with regard to cybersecurity, access and fees. The categories of vehicle access were addressed, including the levels 'basic', 'medium' and 'advanced', with discussions on the expansion of freely accessible information still ongoing. Meeting participants were also given an overview of the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation (ELV). In addition, the need for alignment between the ELV and type-approval regulations was emphasised in order to address concerns regarding the deregistration of components.

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The group discussed reactivating the EV working group within the EGEA to improve coordination at European level on issues relating to electromobility. In addition to the regulatory discussions, the agenda also included the nomination and election of Kim Børsting as the new chair of the Diagnostics Committee. Børsting has extensive experience in the field of vehicle data management through his previous professional activities.

WHAT FAIR COMPETITION NEEDS

The EGEA members thanked his predecessor, Pete Bradley, for his work as long-standing chairman of the WG2 Diagnostics Committee. With his considerable expertise and negotiating skills, he helped to position the EGEA's goals for fair data access at the decisive points. The EGEA WG1 Telco conference on 27 November discussed, among other things, the Trust Label project for vehicle lifts. The group addressed the Trust Label certification programme for vehicle lifts, including design concepts, testing standards and marketing

strategies, emphasising the importance of support from local associations and market surveillance. The group recognised the ambitious and costly nature of the project and agreed to discuss it further at the upcoming board meeting.

In addition, current information on the revised standard for vehicle lifts was presented, providing an overview of the most important changes, including the conversion of example solutions into mandatory requirements and the introduction of new safety measures.



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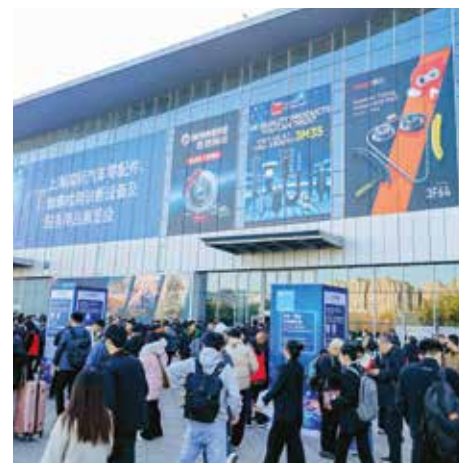


NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE 'WORKSHOP-NET' COMMUNICATION STANDARD

The 'Workshop-Net' communication standard recommended by the European Garage Equipment Association (EGEA) handles bidirectional communication between workshop equipment and dealer management systems (DMS) almost perfectly. The strong growth of ADAS systems (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems) in modern vehicles – currently 15 systems are mandatory for new vehicles from initial homologation on 1 July 2024 in Europe – presents new challenges for the communication standard. Practical experience shows that there is a lack of uniform standards on the part of OEMs for the recalibration of ADAS systems required after repairs or accident repairs. Each manufacturer prefers 'its own calibration', which leads to confusion and often incorrect calibrations. Workshops and PTI organizations are therefore calling for uniform solutions for ADAS calibration. Workshop-Net supports this demand and would like to develop a new specification for ADAS calibration systems. The aim must be to automatically record process data and combine it with all steps of the system calibration in a machine-readable results log. To achieve this, different devices from different manufacturers must be able to exchange data with each other in order to combine it into a legally compliant, tamper-proof results log. Until now, Workshop-Net has only mapped communication between a production system (e.g. DMS) and a workshop device. 'We are rising to the challenge posed by the new calibration technology. We want to save workshop operators from having to make duplicate investments and make the ADAS calibration process safe, efficient and of high quality for everyone,' says Frank Beaujean, CEO of asanetwork GmbH, which is continuously developing 'Workshop-Net' and distributing it throughout Europe.

→ further Information: <https://workshop-net.net>





With over 7,450 exhibitors and more than 250,000 visitors, Automechanika Shanghai is the largest event in terms of numbers within the Automechanika International family.

INTERNATIONAL GROWTH OF AUTOMECHANIKA

Automechanika is the world's leading trade fair for the automotive service industry. As an established industry meeting place, it brings industry, trade and workshops together and addresses the key developments and trends throughout the value chain that are having an impact today. While the focus here is on innovations, e-mobility, alternative drive systems, digitalisation, AI and connectivity, topics like sustainability, lifecycle management and remanufacturing are rapidly increasing in importance. Software-defined vehicles, cybersecurity and automation—not to mention the ever-growing range of digital services in production and workshops—all illustrate the scope of the transformation underway in the industry today. Automechanika is also offering a new format that targets Generation Z. The goal: to reach potential newcomers to the field and showcase the fascination of the automotive professions live and in person. The flagship show in Frankfurt has now been joined by Autom-

echanika fairs at 15 other locations on four continents. With the latest two additions to this event network, Automechanika is offering companies access to new and lucrative growth markets. The first Automechanika Jakarta will be taking place in

Indonesia from 24 to 27 September 2026 and is expected to host some 350 international exhibitors over approx. 15,000 m² of exhibition space. The following year, Automechanika Baku in Azerbaijan will be making its debut from 3 to 5 March 2027. As a key transit country on the New Silk Road, Azerbaijan offers direct access to the European market for companies in China and Turkey in particular.

All trade fair dates and further information available online at:

www.automechanika.com

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PARIS

The EGEA General Assembly took place on October 17 in Paris, kindly hosted by GIEG France during the Equip Auto Exhibition. Members enjoyed a welcome lunch offered by GIEG. A highlight of the meeting was the participation of EGEA's valued sponsors—Equip Auto, Autopromotec, and Automechanika—who shared updates and future plans for their exhibitions. Members approved the 2026 Budget, discussed the latest on Regulation 858 (access to in-vehicle data) and the RWP update, and exchanged views on key aftermarket challenges. The next General Assembly will be held on May 27–28, 2026, in Oslo, Norway.

Fully focused: members and guests at the EGEA General Assembly in Paris



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