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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission plans to lift the small series scheme for autonomous vehicles progressively. As a first step, still in 2025, the rules for automated valet parking will be extended to large series and by 2026 to the other use cases covered by Regulation (EU) 2022/1426¹. Meanwhile, the Commission is working to deliver a global harmonised framework for automated driving systems (ADS) in the United Nation context by 2026. Both initiatives will also require the adaptation of other technical rules to fit automated vehicles.
2. With regard to test beds, the Commission will exchange with Member States and industry on the most promising use cases and geographic areas for deployment. The objectives in terms of deployed vehicles will depend on the use-cases selected, but the ambition is to move from current research pilots with few units of prototypes to fleets providing a commercial service.
3. In order to reach large numbers of automated vehicles on EU roads, the barriers on the single market, notably from national traffic rules in the Member States and for cross-border services, need to be overcome.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1426/oj/eng.