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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission fully recognises the importance of access to in-vehicle data for aftermarket service providers offering electric vehicle (EV) services, such as smart charging or range prediction, thereby ensuring a consumer-friendly and sustainable industry.

This is why the Automotive Action Plan¹ of 5 March 2025 includes a dedicated section on access to in-vehicle data. A set of legislative and non-legislative measures is already in place to boost EV deployment and related services in Europe. The Data Act², in particular its Chapter II, will open significant avenues for data access to users and third parties such as providers of EV-related services. The Commission will complement this with dedicated guidance on in-vehicle data, that is envisaged to be published at the start of application of the Data Act (i.e. on 12 September 2025).

Moreover, Article 20a (3) of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED)³ mandates vehicle manufacturers to make a broad range of battery-related data available in real-time, under non-discriminatory terms and at no cost to owners and users as well as third parties acting on their behalf. The Commission adopted a guidance⁴ on Article 20a of the RED in September 2024 and will publish an additional guidance specifically focussed on battery data to ensure a consistent implementation on Member States level.

As there is a need to give these measures some time to show their effects, the Automotive Action Plan foresees that the Commission will consider further action, such as a dedicated legislative proposal on access to in-vehicle data, “upon assessment of the effects of the Data Act”.

¹ Industrial Action Plan for the European automotive sector, 5.3.2025, COM(2025) 95 final, [89b3143e-09b6-4ae6-a826-932b90ed0816_en](#).

² Regulation (EU) 2023/2854 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2023 on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 and Directive (EU) 2020/1828 (Data Act).

³ Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

⁴ Guidance on Article 20a on sector integration of renewable electricity of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of energy from renewable sources, as amended by Directive (EU) 2023/2413, 2.9.2024, C(2024) 5041 final, https://energy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/efcd200c-b9ae-4a9c-98ab-73b2fd281fcc_en?filename=C_2024_5041_1_EN_ACT_part1_v10.pdf.