Subject: EU type approval regulations for autonomous vehicles

In the Commission’s Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, one of the milestones specifies that by 2030 automated mobility will be deployed on a large scale across the EU. For this ambitious goal to become reality, companies and investors in the field of autonomous driving need planning certainty.

The published draft delegated regulation and draft implementing regulation on the approval of fully automated driving systems with regard to their automated driving system (ADS) are crucial for harmonising type approval requirements for autonomous vehicles in the EU. However, the draft act limits the type approval of fully automated vehicles to small series, which allows only 1 500 units per vehicle type to be sold annually in the whole European Union and only 250 units of one type of vehicle per Member State.

1. What are the reasons for the Commission’s decision to implement a small series type approval regulation for fully automated vehicles instead of a regulation for unlimited series?

2. How does the small series limitation in the type approval regulations affect the EU’s 2030 milestone for large-scale deployment of automated mobility?

3. How is the Commission ensuring that the autonomous vehicles industry receives the planning certainty it needs?