Question for written answer E-003077/2023/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138 Ondřej Kovařík (Renew)

Subject: Access to vehicle data

The increasing connectivity and technological advances in vehicles have raised concerns in the automotive industry and regulatory circles. Stakeholders, including car manufacturers, developers, regulators and consumers, are focused on access to vehicle data and functions. Challenges include ensuring accountability for safety and privacy compromises, addressing engineering complexities for third-party applications and the potential for collaboration with 'Big Tech' platforms to meet regulatory requirements efficiently. Striking a balance between innovation, accountability and consumer choice within a comprehensive regulatory framework is crucial in the evolving landscape of connected vehicles.

- 1. In cases where third-party access leads to compromises on vehicle safety, security or driver privacy, what mechanisms can be put in place to ensure accountability for all parties involved, regardless of whether such compromises occur inadvertently or intentionally?
- 2. Given the substantial engineering challenges of ensuring the safety and security of third-party applications, how does the Commission plan to prevent car manufacturers from choosing to achieve compliance by collaborating with established 'Big Tech' vehicle application platforms, particularly given the tight compliance timelines?

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