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AECDR @ Mobility Transition Pathway

In order to accelerate the green and digital transition and increase European industry resilience, the European Commission launched the transition pathway for the mobility ecosystem. The aim of the process is to support the ecosystem's transition while ensuring it remains competitive and resilient to crisis. The Commission invited stakeholders including AECDR to identify what digital and green transitions and increasing resilience mean for the mobility industrial ecosystem, and what specific actions and commitments are needed to accompany the transition. Today, AECDR took part in a roundtable meeting of this format in Brussels to make sure the voice of the European car dealers and repairers is heard also in this important forum:

https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/automotive-industry/mobility-transition-pathway_en

MEPs back updates to EU rules on driving licences to improve road safety

The European Parliament backs reforming the EU's driving licence rules to make sure they contribute to road safety and to the EU's green and digital transitions. To mitigate the shortage of professional drivers, MEPs also agreed to allow 18-year-olds to obtain a licence to drive a truck or a bus with up to 16 passengers, provided they hold a certificate of professional competence. In addition, 17-year-olds should also be eligible for a driving licence for cars or trucks if accompanied by an experienced driver, the draft says. To support the EU's single market, MEPs are in favour of introducing a digital driving licence, available on a mobile phone and fully equivalent to the physical driver's licence:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240223IPR18088/meps-back-updates-to-eu-rules-on-driving-licences-to-improve-road-safety>

EU Election: Candidates

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced her bid to become the lead candidate of the European People's Party (EPP) for the upcoming European elections in June. The Party of European Socialists (PES) has elected Nicolas Schmit, the current European Commissioner for jobs and social rights, as its lead candidate for the EU elections.

AECDR Election Memorandum

The final version of the AECDR Election Memorandum will be presented during the AECDR General Meeting in Rome. You will soon receive more detailed information regarding the date and event schedule of the AECDR General Meeting.