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## **eCall mandatory from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

*“CLEPA welcomes the agreement between Parliament and Council on mandatory equipping of new models of passenger cars and commercial vehicles from March 2018. This date is in line with the provisions related to the infrastructure to be put in place by Member States and the required compatibility with services provided by the Galileo and EGNOS programs”, said Mr Paul Schockmel, CLEPA CEO.*

The European Commission will also assess whether the system should be extended to other vehicles like buses, coaches and heavy goods vehicles.

The "eCall" system automatically dials 112 - Europe's single emergency number - in the event of a serious accident. It communicates the vehicle's location to emergency services, even if the driver is unconscious or unable to make a phone call. It is estimated that it could save up to 2500 lives a year.

CLEPA supports the integrated approach with actions on infrastructure, vehicle and driver behavior as the way forward to improve road safety. The automotive suppliers invest €18 billion per year in RDI and produce by far most of the equipment that save lives.

Legislators have introduced in the text the possibility for the Commission to assess, if appropriate and no later than two years after the entry into force of the Regulation, the need of requirements for an interoperable, standardized, secure and open access platform following a broad consultation with all relevant stakeholders and a study on the analysis of the costs and benefits.

*“We are pleased to acknowledge this development. The in-vehicle eCall architecture should be open for implementation of additional services and applications. A non-discriminatory access by independent operators should be granted, provided that security and reliability are ensured. This will allow consumers freedom of choice”, stressed Mr Schockmel, CLEPA CEO.*

### **Note to Editors**

**CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers.** 110 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 24 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3 thousand companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

### **Facts about the European automotive industry**

- Some **12 million** people are employed in the European automotive industry
- European automotive suppliers directly employ **5 million** people
- European automotive suppliers invest **€18bn** in RDI per year. They are one of the biggest private investors into research and innovation
- Per year, **16 million** vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy

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