WHAT IS AUTOMATED DRIVING?

There are different levels of automated driving, starting with technology that assists drivers in the steering, acceleration and/or braking of their motor vehicle and going up to levels that completely substitute the human driver by a system. At the highest level of automation, the vehicle is equipped with technology that makes it able to sense and interpret its environment, make vehicle control decisions, and react without relying on the human driver.

WHAT ARE THE LEVELS OF AUTOMATED DRIVING?

Today, there are already several systems on the market with different levels of automation. These can be considered as the building blocks towards driverless cars.

**Assisted driving** includes basic systems that recommend actions to drivers or give them additional sensorial perception (e.g., blind spot detection), while advanced active safety systems intervene automatically, faster and more reliably than a human being. Examples of the latter are autonomous emergency braking (AEB) and lane keeping assistance (LKA) systems that take over safety-critical functions in dangerous situations.

**Automated driving** technology is able to perform all dynamic driving tasks in specific scenarios. Think for example of an autopilot function for driving on motorways, which can be activated by the human driver to perform driving tasks, including overtaking and changing lane.

Finally, the goal of **autonomous driving** is that the vehicle can handle the full driving experience, including departure and arrival at the destination, without the need for any input from the passenger.
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- Foster research and development into automated driving technologies and standards.
- Review/refit, adapt and harmonise all relevant regulations to create the right legal framework for deployment.
- Upgrade, adapt and harmonise physical and digital road infrastructure to make it suitable for automated driving.
- Continue performing large-scale and cross-border testing of automated systems on open roads across the EU.
- Strengthen cooperation between all stakeholders and get political support to promote its wide-scale introduction.
- Inform and educate the general public as well as future drivers and passengers of automated vehicles.

Vehicle manufacturers will:

- Further develop automated driving technology and its practical applications.
- Provide the necessary technical expertise to support the regulatory process.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AUTOMATED DRIVING?**

Automated driving is one of the major technological advancements that is changing how we travel and transport goods – it is reshaping the future of mobility in Europe. When fully integrated in the whole transport system and accompanied by the right supporting measures, automation is expected to contribute significantly to achieving the following four social objectives:

**ROAD SAFETY**
Automated driving is expected to greatly reduce the risk of human error in driving, thereby making an important contribution to the EU goal of zero road fatalities by 2050.

**ACCESSIBILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**
It will be beneficial for people with reduced mobility, such as the elderly and disabled, providing them with new mobility solutions and increased access to healthcare, work, city centres and remote locations.

**EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENT**
It will reduce traffic congestion and increase the efficiency of our transport system, contributing to a decrease in fuel consumption and emissions (thus also addressing climate change and improving air quality).

**FREEDOM AND COMFORT**
Automation will increase the freedom of drivers, by allowing them to perform other activities when automated systems are active.

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**HOW CONNECTIVITY ENHANCES AUTOMATED DRIVING**

Vehicle connectivity is all about the exchange of information between vehicles which are in close proximity to each other, the infrastructure around them and the wider world. It is an important enabler for many automated driving functionalities and for improving active safety features and advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS).

Connectivity also brings additional sensorial capabilities, notably enabling the detection of hazardous situations that are out of direct range of the vehicle’s sensors, for example around corners or further down the road.

Crucially, connectivity provides vital control functionalities for certain automation applications, such as truck platooning (the linking of two or more trucks in convoy using connectivity technology and ADAS).
ROAD SAFETY

Automated driving holds great potential to further improve safety on our roads. Indeed, many of today’s active safety technologies (which prevent accidents from happening altogether or at least actively help the driver to reduce the impact of an emergency situation) are already starting to prepare drivers and other road users for a future when vehicles will drive themselves.

HOW AUTOMATION AND CONNECTIVITY WILL FURTHER IMPROVE SAFETY

ASSISTED DRIVING
Today, we already see the introduction of partially automated vehicles, able to perform an increasing range of driving tasks in specific scenarios.

- AUTOMATIC PARKING
- LANE KEEPING

Including active safety systems that intervene in dangerous situations.

- STEERING
- BRAKING

AUTOMATED DRIVING
These vehicles have the ability to navigate without permanent supervision from the driver.

- NO DRIVER INPUT NEEDED DURING NORMAL OPERATION
- HIGHLY RELIABLE PERCEPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

Reduces the risk of human error in driving, which is still a major contributing factor in most accidents.

CONNECTIVITY
Exchanging safety-critical information between vehicles and infrastructure makes it possible to reduce the number of accidents and casualties.

Using this information it is possible to:

- IMPOSE VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS
- OPEN OR CLOSE TRAFFIC LANES
- HELP AVOID ACCIDENTS
- SLOW DOWN
- FLAG HAZARDS ON THE ROAD AHEAD

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The European automotive sector spends €57.4 billion on research and development per year, making it the EU’s number one investor in R&D, responsible for 28% of total spending. Automation is one of the most important drivers of innovation in the auto industry, making it a decisive factor in the future viability of the sector in Europe. Indeed, research and pre-deployment projects focusing on automated driving give a strong boost to the technological competitiveness of auto manufacturers, helping the industry to maintain its position as an engine for growth and jobs.

4 KEY FOCUS AREAS

SECURITY
It is essential to guarantee safe, secure and trusted communication between vehicles and the digital infrastructure.

USER ADOPTION
The success of automated driving depends on user adoption as well as acceptance by society at large, including other road users.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AI enables safe autonomous driving in a complex traffic environment. It also plays a major role in intelligent mobility services.

TESTING
Large-scale testing and validation of automated driving systems on open roads is vital to furthering their development and deployment.
NEW APPROACH TO VEHICLES
Automated driving is a paradigm shift that will change the way we experience road travel and transport. As automation further develops in the future, the driver will gradually be able to enjoy new activities within the system’s intended use, such as reading, working or using an electronic device.

Eventually, as vehicles become fully autonomous, the driver will no longer be required as a fallback. Drivers and passengers will thus progressively gain the freedom to enjoy new services offered to them. This will provide room for further innovation in terms of mobility and entertainment.

INTEGRATED MOBILITY
Automation makes a positive contribution to sustainable transport by offering new mobility solutions that can be integrated into a single ‘Mobility as a Service’ (MaaS) ecosystem.

This will allow cities and regions to build a transport offer combining high-capacity public and private transport with individual mobility solutions that respond to diverse and changing customer needs. Integrated mobility will help deliver important societal goals such as accessibility, inclusion and sustainability.

ENHANCED ACCESS TO MOBILITY
Automated vehicles will increase the availability of passenger transport services while reducing their cost. This is especially valid in areas with low and dispersed demand, such as rural areas and suburbs, where the availability of professional drivers is typically low, or bus routes may have disappeared due to public spending cuts.

Furthermore, automation will offer access to mobility to people who are traditionally deprived of it, such as those with limited mobility and the elderly, who may be unable to drive themselves.

FREIGHT TRANSPORT
Automated driving, in combination with connectivity, is also revolutionising the transport of goods. Today, with platooning, trucks can be linked together into a convoy through connectivity technology and ADAS. The driver in the truck at the head of the platoon acts as the leader. The following trucks react and adapt to changes in the leader’s movement, with little to no action required from the drivers.

Tomorrow’s trucks will be autonomous, transporting goods all over Europe without the need for drivers, providing shippers with a competitive advantage as well as reinventing the logistics structures of today.
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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**
- **ALKS** = Automated lane keeping systems
- **CAD** = Connected and automated driving
- **CSMS** = Cyber security management systems
- **DSSAD** = Data storage system for automated driving
- **EDR** = Event data recorder
- **GRSG** = UNECE Working Party on General Safety
- **GSR** = EU General Safety Regulation
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In order to enable the deployment of automated vehicles on Europe’s roads in the near future, it is essential to set the right legal framework at the international, EU and national level.

To that end, ACEA recommends that the following legal framework is put in place.

**UN**
- Framework Regulation on automated / autonomous vehicles – New regulation
- Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) R131 (commercial vehicles); New regulation (cars)
- Braking – R13; R13H
- Driver monitoring – Part of ALKS
- Minimal risk manoeuvre – Part of ALKS

**EU**
- ALKS motorway – New regulation
- Cybersecurity for CAD – New delegated act (GSR, based on UNECE Cybersecurity Regulation)
- Software over-the-air update New regulation (2020)

**National**
- Evolution of the Geneva and Vienna Conventions
- Harmonisation of national road traffic laws
- Road signs (harmonised under UNECE WP1) Regulation (EC) 1071/2009
- Vehicle interface with dynamic traffic management and law enforcement – New regulation or standard
- Road signs – National laws on road signs to be updated
- Periodic technical inspection Directive 45/2014/EU, possible future harmonisation within the 97 Agreement
- Driving time – Regulation (EU) 561/2006
- Tachograph – Regulation (EU) 165/2014

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**CYBERSECURITY**

- **Cyber Security Management System (CSMS)** New regulation (2020)
- **Cybersecurity for CAD** – New delegated act (GSR, based on UNECE Cybersecurity Regulation)

**SOFTWARE UPDATE**

- **Software over-the-air update** New regulation (2020)

**LIABILITY AND ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION**

- **DSSAD** – New regulation (WP 29 Informal Group)
- **EDR** – New delegated act (GSR, based on UN GRSG EDR)

**MUTUAL RECOGNITION**

- **Art 20 Exemption Procedure Guidelines** (2019)

**DRIVER**

- **Driving licences** – New regulation (WP 1 Informal Group)
- **Human Machine Interface (HMI)** – Part of ALKS

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