

Deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall service

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Philippe DE BACKER (ADLE, BE) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of the interoperable EU-wide eCall.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should be to amend the Commission's proposal as follows:

Members adopted an amendment stipulating that, **by 1 October 2015**, Member States should deploy the necessary eCall PSAP infrastructure required for the proper receipt and handling of all eCalls, purged of non-emergency and false calls, on their territory.

The report also stipulated that Member States should:

- have the option to **outsource** all or some 112 eCall services, through public service delegation, to assistance providers recognised by that Member State;
- that data transmitted via the eCall service are **used exclusively for rescue and traffic management purposes** following an emergency call;
- ensure that eCall service is **free of charge** for eCall users.

Members added two recitals stressing:

- the importance of an **awareness raising campaign** preceding the deployment of the eCall service to explain the benefits, the functionalities and the data protection safeguards of the new system to citizens;
- the need to ensure **equivalent access to 112** and emergency services for all citizens, the level of **accuracy and reliability of caller location** of a call to 112 with a GNSS-enabled mobile terminal should be equivalent to that of an eCall.