

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 Parliaments position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should be to amend the Commissions 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.