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‘Data for Road Safety’ Collaboration Launches in Europe

Live Vehicle and Infrastructure Data Powers European Proof of Concept

Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 03 June 2019 Members of the European Data Task Force (DTF), comprised of member states, vehicle manufacturers and service providers, have today announced the start of a 12-month proof of concept designed to improve road safety by sharing data generated by vehicles and infrastructure between countries and manufacturers.

Using the latest technologies, vehicles are able to detect and warn occupants about dangerous road conditions — for example, when roads are slippery. However, these warnings can also be beneficial to other drivers and road operators.

In the DTF proof of concept, alerts generated by vehicles, along with infrastructure data, will be shared using a decentralised data collaboration architecture.

Working together to make driving safer for all road users is at the heart of the DTF’s work. Founded in 2017, the DTF supports the implementation of existing EU laws on access to safety data. By prioritising access to safety data and enabling collaboration between vehicle manufacturers and countries, the DTF aims to enhance traffic safety for all road users.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed by all participating members provides the basis for the proof of concept and aims to facilitate a fair and trusted partnership. It is based on the principle of reciprocity where safety data will be offered in return for safety services.

The demonstration in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, marks the start of the proof of concept that will take place throughout Europe during 2019. The ambition of the DTF is to encourage more stakeholders into the partnership to maximise the effect on road safety in Europe.

The Data Task Force includes the following organisations:

EU Member States: The Netherlands, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management; Spain, Ministry of Home Affairs La Subdirección General de Gestión de la Movilidad DGT; Finland, Transport and Communications Agency TRAFICOM; Germany, Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure and Luxembourg, Ministry of the Economy.

Service Providers: HERE Europe B.V. and TomTom Traffic B.V.

Vehicle Manufacturers: BMW AG; Ford Smart Mobility Ltd; Mercedes Benz; Volvo Cars