

## ADPA Statement on Ukraine

**Brussels, 1 March 2022** - The thoughts of the European automotive data publishers are with the Ukrainian people, to whom we express our most sincere solidarity and sympathy. We deeply regret in the first place the loss of human lives due to military action, as well as other horrendous consequences of this armed aggression, and in particular physical and psychological injuries, forced migration, and destruction of buildings, infrastructures and goods.



The ongoing invasion of Ukraine is a major attack on the core European principles: democracy, sovereignty, freedom of choice. It should be addressed as such by the European Union, even more so as it afflicts a country with which political and economic ties are already strong and continuously growing.

As other business organisations, we call on the European Union to further coordinate its reaction with our main global partners; to protect EU citizens and companies active in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, and their co-workers; to ensure clarity and legal certainty for the European companies currently operating on these markets when imposing sanctions; and to look at how to mitigate the increasingly negative effects of inflation on Europe's consumers.

We hope for a swift, peaceful and sustainable resolution to this unacceptable and unjustified invasion, which highlights once more the importance of the European Union's values, which should apply to all humanity: solidarity, respect, freedom, fairness and peace.

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