

Driverless cars

Sharing economy services

E-mobility

Cyber security

Data and telematics

Connected vehicles

Delivering expert advice on autotech

Autotech is an exciting growth industry with huge potential. More than 12 million fully autonomous vehicles are expected to be sold each year by 2035*.

Autonomous and electric vehicles are the hottest topics in the autotech sector. Self-driving cars will improve mobility and safety but will also pose challenges in apportioning risk and liability. Electric cars are on the rise and will require vast new infrastructure. The advancement of connected vehicle technologies will present opportunities for new apps and services – but also increase the risk of cyber attacks and data breaches.

CMS is the 6th largest law firm globally and works with cutting-edge organisations at the forefront of autotech developments. We provide commercial, innovative and practical legal advice. Our bench strength and technology focus means our international autotech group can provide the full range of support you need, from protecting and exploiting new technologies to autotech-driven M&A. And when things go wrong, we offer seamless worldwide support, ranging from cyber incident response services to managing product liability and regulatory issues.

KEY ISSUES

• HOW THE CMS AUTOTECH GROUP CAN HELP

E-mobility

- Establishing charging infrastructure and developing e-car and connected car test tracks; tax allowances and procurement issues

Exploiting and protecting technology

- Drafting and negotiating development licence and service agreements; patent prosecution; portfolio management

Corporate

- Strategic acquisitions and disposals, industry joint ventures; private equity, venture capital and other investments

Data privacy / cyber security

- Advising on compliance and best practices; strategic support on data breaches

Product liability

- Dealing with liabilities when systems or components fail; conducting litigation

Regulatory issues

- Telecoms and transport regulatory expertise; liaising with regulators; e-car battery production



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One of CMS's competitive advantages is that they know our sector very well and are therefore able to tailor their advice.

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Some highlights of our experience

A major German car producer

on their innovative tech projects across the CEE region, involving e-mobility, connected car services and specific software developments.

A global technology company

on data theft and cyber security in the Czech Republic.

A major national automotive industry association

on preparing a code of good industry practices for processing personal data, and negotiating the code with the national Data Protection Authority.

A German mobility solution provider

in connection with utilisation of real-time data in the area of e-mobility.

A major French car producer

on the Hungarian regulatory background to the use of dash cams in cars.

A major US corporation

on various technology issues in the Czech Republic.

A global technology company

in connection with tenders from German regional authorities to digitally measure cities to pave the way for autonomous driving, including advice on cooperation with universities in the area of autonomous driving.

A leading global natural resources company

on the creation and negotiation of a US\$100 million global framework agreement for the acquisition of fleet management software in Singapore, and the trialling and acquisition of autonomous blast-hole and haulage technology.

A major commercial vehicle manufacturer

on providing a complex analysis of the legal requirements in relation to transferring personal data to India, and making representations before the Polish Data Protection Authority.

A major car producer and mobility solution provider

on cooperation with public transit providers in large German cities on data transfer between the transit providers and mobility providers as part of a mobility sharing offer.

A global German IT company

on the contractual background to connected car solutions in Hungary, including contract negotiations with a major insurance service provider and the subcontractor involved.

An agricultural and forestry machinery company

on regulatory issues relating to the launch of a machine-to-machine solution for tractors and farm vehicles in Spain.

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