

## **TechSverige's response to the consultation on the Commission's Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/758 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the standards relating to eCall**

TechSverige<sup>1</sup> is a member organization for companies within the tech sector, that wish to join the largest industry network in Sweden in order to promote and further develop the tech market and conditions for tech enterprises. We represent about 1 400 member companies that between them have nearly 100 000 employees. All the national mobile network operators in Sweden are members of TechSverige.

Modern and secure communication networks are the basis for a digital society. Shifting from old technologies like 2G/3G networks to modern technologies such as fiber, 4G and 5G is an important part of a secure and sustainable digitization. Today the 4G/5G networks in Sweden have the same or better coverage compared to the old 2G/3G networks. While the use of the modern networks is increasing, the traffic in the old networks has dropped to very low levels.

Already in October 2020 TechSverige published the document "Time to prepare Sweden for the transition from 2G and 3G"<sup>2</sup>. In the document, users that are still dependent on 2G/3G networks are recommended to plan for the fact that the networks will be phased out within five years, i.e., finally phased out during late 2025. The time plan is still valid for the mobile network operators in Sweden. The early and joint communicated plan for the technology shift has contributed to a development where cellphones, modems and IoT-equipment that are dependent on 2G/3G networks are replaced by future-proof units and solutions in a fast pace.

Given that the phasing-out of 2G/3G is well underway in Sweden, TechSverige welcomes the Commission's consultation on the draft delegated regulation. It is urgent to find a solution for eCall that is in line with the general market and network development. TechSverige therefore strongly support that, from 1 January 2025, national authorities shall not refuse to grant new type approvals or extensions of existing approvals for vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units, where those comply with the new technical specifications for eCall in packet-switched networks.

Furthermore, TechSverige refers to the ETNO<sup>3</sup> and GSMA<sup>4</sup> response to this consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.techsverige.se/om-oss-2/in-english/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.techsverige.se/app/uploads/sites/2/2021/06/dags-att-forbereda-sverige-for-overgangen-fran-2g-och-3g\\_.pdf](https://www.techsverige.se/app/uploads/sites/2/2021/06/dags-att-forbereda-sverige-for-overgangen-fran-2g-och-3g_.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://etno.eu/contact.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gsma.com>