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EUROPEAN RADIO INDUSTRY UNITES IN DUBLIN TO SAFEGUARD ACCESS TO RADIO IN CONNECTED CARS

The European radio industry will come together in Dublin this Thursday 19th November to call for radio to remain freely available, easy to find and accessible in connected cars.

The event is titled "Radio in connected cars: a key pillar of European democracy and resilience" and will bring together policymakers, regulators, broadcasters and technology experts from across Europe and it coincides with Irish EU Presidency.

There is strong support across Europe's public and commercial radio sector, representing more than 5,000 radio stations, for ensuring continued access to broadcast radio in cars and other vehicles.

The Independent Broadcasters of Ireland and Bauer Media are working with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the Association of European Radios (AER), and RTÉ on the event in Dublin on Thursday, which has been given the status of an Associated Event of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Michael Kelly, Chief Executive of the Independent Broadcasters of Ireland, co-organisers of the event, said: "Radio must remain freely available, easy to find and accessible in connected cars. This is about more than protecting a means of listening. The fair and accurate coverage provided by radio, including news and current affairs, balanced discussion and election coverage, is vital. Radio is a core pillar of trust, providing connection and companionship, coverage of social, cultural and economic issues, and vital information in emergencies. It is also an important platform for music and sport."

"As cars become increasingly connected, continued access to radio cannot be taken for granted. We are calling for the Digital Networks Act to ensure that broadcast radio receivers remain in new vehicles, safeguarding direct access to trusted news and

information, emergency communications, and the breadth of public and commercial radio services available across Europe."

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