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During the month of August, however, the EU car market posted a stronger decline (-18.9%) again, although less dramatic than earlier in the year. With the exception of Cyprus

(+14.1%), all countries in the region recorded losses compared to August 2019. Looking at the four major EU markets, Italy performed best, with a slight drop of 0.4%, while the strongest declines were seen in Germany (-20.0%) and France (-19.8%).

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