

## EACN Newsletter - March 2021

### The President's Foreword

Dear colleagues,

On 20 January we decided together to launch a new stage for our network and to continue our successful collaboration of the previous years to support and boost our members and the automotive industry in general.

You elected me EACN's President, and I wish to thank you again for this honour. With my colleagues from the Executive Board we decided that Thomas Röhr, who you all know well, shall continue to animate the network as Secretary General.

It is now time to really start our joint actions, and this EACN internal Newsletter is one of those.

In this issue, you will find some more information about decisions taken by the Executive Board, about objectives, periodicity, or the newsletter's sections, as well as first important information from our point of view.

We wish you informative reading.

Sincerely

Bruno Grandjean, President

### Executive Board decisions

Since the General Assembly in January, the Executive Board took the following decisions:

#### Secretary General

The Executive Board decided to mandate Thomas Röhr as EACN Secretary General. His contact data are in the legal notice section at the end of this newsletter.

#### EACN Letters of Support

Following several requests for Letters of Support from EACN for projects to be submitted within the COSME calls early this year, the Executive Board decided on a general rule for such letters: EACN will sign Letters of Support in case that at least three EACN cluster members are part of the consortium. A Google form has been developed that needs to be completed prior to the signature

to gather project information and to track all projects that got a Letter of Support. Please contact the Secretary General if you are looking for a Letter of Support.

### New member

We warmly welcome **Wirtschaftsförderung Raum Heilbronn GmbH** as new EACN member. WFG Heilbronn is member of automotive bw. [Website](#) | [ECCP Profile](#)

### About this Newsletter

This EACN newsletter aims at informing all members about actions from EACN and EACN members, at sharing import information and at making visible the cooperation and added value. It is considered as an EACN internal newsletter, it is not planned to publish it more largely.

The EACN Newsletter shall have the following news/sections:

**President and Executive Board news:** This section is reserved to messages from the President, Executive Board members and decisions or the Secretary General.

**Working group news:** The Working group section will inform EACN members about activities and results from the five working groups.

**Project section:** The project section aims at presenting projects of EACN members, inform about activities and results, and share opportunities for EACN clusters and their members.

**Agenda:** The agenda will show events organised by EACN members as well as other European events of general interest. Events from EACN members will also be posted in the EACN agenda on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.

**Upcoming calls:** This section shall inform about upcoming calls dedicated to clusters.

**Other information:** All other information considered to be of interest.

The newsletter will be published in the middle of every second months, in January, March, May, July, September, and November. About two weeks prior to the publishing date, a mail will be sent to all EACN members to gather your input for the next newsletter, such as results and information from working groups, project information, events... You can also send this type of information to the Secretary General at any moment.

## Project corner

Following the defined rules, the president signed Letters of Support for the following projects:

Project **AutoGreenIT** | EACN Partners: CEAGA, NEAA, PVF | Call: COS-CLUSTER-2020-3-03

Project **EVOLUTE** | EACN Partners: Autoklastr, AC Serbia, CIAC, WFG Heilbronn | Call: COS-CLUSTER-2020-3-03

Project **ENABLE** | EACN Partners: CEAGA, NextMove, SAAM | Call: COS-STRAT-2020-3-05

We are crossing fingers for getting the funding.

## Further information

### Horizon Europe Working Programme 2021-2022

If you are interested in the latest versions of the drafts of the **Horizon Europe Working Programmes 2021-2022** for Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space and Cluster 5: Climate, Mobility and Energy, please contact the Secretary General.

### European Cluster Collaboration Platform ECCP

The ECCP has been updated, and new features are announced. **Do not forget to update your cluster and personal profiles** to be well visible, or to create a profile if you have not yet done it. For some connections, only clusters that are completed for at least 80 % can be selected! Unfortunately, everything is not yet working correctly, and the platform is sometimes (very) slow. Attention: If you want to be visible in the Mobility-Transport-Automotive ecosystem search, you need to select "Mobility-Transport-Automotive" in the Alliance/Ecosystem field.


## Past Automotive Skills Alliance webinars

You can find information about previous ASA webinars here:


1<sup>st</sup> webinar: [Erasmus+](#), 2 February 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> webinar: [European Social Fund Plus & European Regional Development Fund \(ESF+ & ERDF\)](#), 23 February 2021

## Agenda

 18 March 2021 | 10:30 - 12:00 CET

**Hydrogen Business For Climate Webinar "INNOVATION"** | by Pôle Véhicule du Futur  
[Information and registration](#)

 24 March 2021 | 10:00 – 11:00 CET

**EC Webinar Series on Funding – Part 3: InvestEU**  
[Information and registration](#) (deadline: 19.03.2021)

29 April 2021 | 10:30 - 12:00 CET

**Hydrogen Business For Climate Webinar "DEPLOYMENT"** | by Pôle Véhicule du Futur  
[Information and registration](#)

## Legal notice

This is the internal newsletter of EACN. Input comes from the Executive Board members, the Secretary General as well as from EACN cluster members.

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