

The President's Foreword

Dear colleagues,

I hope you had all some good and restful vacations. The upcoming autumn seems to bring back some kind of normality, and first events are again held physically. The agenda shows some events of general interest for EACN members. I also hope that we will soon find an interesting event where we can finally all meet and discuss together.

The interest in collaboration is strong within the European automotive clusters, and we are very happy to welcome the fourth and last French competitiveness cluster ID4CAR. ID4CAR covers the western part of France and has a community that is very active in European projects.

As you can see, the decision to use the new modern logo presented in the last newsletter led to a new layout for this newsletter and all EACN documents. Templates for presentations can be send to you by our secretary general upon request. We also benefitted from the vacation time to set up the website for our network. You'll find some more details further down.

And finally, during the last Executive Board Meeting we decided to launch two series of webinars, on targeting our member companies, and another addressing more strategic subjects and targeting politicians, managers, and decision-makers.

Yours

Bruno Grandjean, President

Cluster presentations

ID4CAR

ID4CAR is an accelerator for companies of the Vehicle and Mobility sectors in the Greater West region of France (Bretagne, Pays de la Loire, and Nouvelle-Aquitaine).



ID4Car has over 400 members including manufacturers, transport operators, universities, research, and education centres. These members covers 4 main business areas: automotive, specific vehicles, mobility services and off-road machines / mobile robotics / agricultural machinery.

Our community of members covers the entire value chain of the vehicle and mobility industries. These industries' technological capabilities have been divided into 4 large communities composed of companies capable of collectively addressing a major cross-market issue. Thus, ID4CAR follows that scheme to organize its

activities according to 4 Strategic Activity Domains (SAD).

- ▲ Digital Mobility Services and Infrastructure
- ▲ Vehicles, Innovative Usages, and Industrialization
- ▲ Smart Embedded Systems
- ▲ Vehicle Materials

Our service offer includes:

- ▲ Project guidance and support on Innovation project but also Industry 4.0 or European and International Projects
- ▲ Networking
- ▲ Brainstorming
- ▲ Communication and promotion
- ▲ Expertise and strategic guidance

ID4Car is awarded with the Gold Label in the Cluster Management Excellence Program.



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Mobinov :: Cluster Automóvel Portugal

MOBINOV - Automotive Cluster Association was founded in 2016, to promote the convergence of various players in the national automotive industry, including global manufacturers suppliers, associations and knowledge centres and universities, in order to transform Portugal in a competitive and recognized Automotive Industry in terms of the development of technological solutions and the industrialization of components, modules, systems and vehicles.



Fernando Machado, Mobinov's Executive Director

Our Mission is to promote a sustainable growth and competitiveness of the national automotive industry through greater cooperation and coordination between companies, associations, public administration bodies and SCTN entities.

The main goals are the reinforcement of the competitiveness of the automotive sector, the promotion and the increase of exports and its internationalization, and the preparation of a new cycle of the automotive industry on a trajectory for the "car as a service", and other automotive global trends.

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Eskişehir Chamber of Industry - Automotive Cluster (ECI-AC)

The Automotive Cluster of Eskişehir Chamber of Industry (ECI-AC) was established in April 2018 by companies operating in the sector, representatives of institutions providing training and education and experts who contribute to the development of the industry.



ECI-AC is a legal initiative serving under Eskişehir Chamber of Industry as Eskişehir's primary organization devoted to automotive based economic development of the province. ECI-AC's mission is to promote the capacity in Eskişehir which will attract and help create businesses in innovative, high-growth industries relating to automotive. ECI-AC accomplishes this mission by focusing on SMEs in automobile industry or companies which have a capacity to be involved in the automotive supply chain. In collaboration with Eskişehir Chamber of Industry, Eskişehir Organized Industrial Zone, Anadolu University, Osmangazi University, Eskişehir Technical University, and other supplementary organisations in Eskişehir, ECI-AC helps improving Eskişehir's business climate for automotive industry thus ensuring the province's global competitiveness.



Ismail Öztürk, Cluster Manager at ECI-AC

The automotive industry has a fundamental history in Eskişehir and an important share in local economy. The number of member companies working on automotive industry is over 100, manufacturing of Trucks, Light Commercial Vehicles, Powertrains, Engine and Engine Parts, Shaft Bodies, Firefighting Vehicles, Rescue Vehicles, Car Lifting Jacks, Vehicle Door Lock Systems, Trailer, Trays, Seat Systems, Rims, Operator Cabins, Chassis, Axle Shaft, Back Gear Shaft and Automotive Parts. The total workforce of the automotive parts producers is almost 7.500 people, and the export number of related companies is over 500 M. Euro in Eskişehir.

ECI-AC ensures sustainable growth of the members based on value-added design, quality, R&D, innovation, production, and procurement processes that can compete globally, provides awareness raising solutions to automotive market for all demands.

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Working groups

If you are interested in collaborating within one of the five working groups and you are not yet involved, e.g. because you never got an invitation to the meetings, please contact directly the working group leader (with CC to sg@eacn-initiative.eu):

- ▲ **WG Industry 4.0 / Industrial Modernisation / Digitalisation:** [Paul Buttler](#), NEAA
Next meeting: 4 October 2021, 10h00
- ▲ **WG Supply Chain:** [Patricia Solá](#), CEAGA
- ▲ **WG Skills & Competencies:** [Patrick Dufour](#), WFG Heilbronn
- ▲ **WG Mobility:** [Aleksandar Šaranac](#), AC Serbia
Next meetings: 19 October, 14h00; 17 November, 14h00
- ▲ **WG Clean, connected & autonomous vehicle:** [Vincent Le Meau](#), NextMove

Members' lounge

International Automotive Business Meeting

23-24 November 2021,
Sosnowiec, Poland



The key event for the automotive industry in Central and Eastern Europe is back.

IABM is an innovative automotive event like no other. IABM is organized by Katowice Special Economic Zone, Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing and the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Poland.

Each year, top automotive industry experts and professionals from Central and Eastern Europe and international guests come together in Poland to share best industry practices, promote innovative ideas and solutions, benchmark and network to build long-lasting industry relationships. This year we are back with a live event in Sosnowiec, Poland.

The International Automotive Business Meeting is an ideal opportunity to make business contacts and connect with esteemed industry leaders, buyers, and media. There are a few ways to enjoy business networking at this event.

- ▲ The **VIP BUYER programme** is a special networking project with Car manufacturers and selected Tier 1 and Tier 2 automotive companies interested in meeting new suppliers.
- ▲ The IABM match-making tool is designed to connect and help all participating companies to set up relevant 1-2-1 business meetings.

- ▲ The SBM is a speed-networking opportunity to build a network of contacts and acquire new business partners in the automotive industry- Networking Groups with companies matched with your preferences, 2 minutes to present your company at each session, Multiple sessions.
- ▲ An elegant dinner taking place in the Sielecki Castel with stunning food, drinks, and light entertainment arranged in a cocktail-like setup, for ease of conversation and networking.
- ▲ **Espresso with IABM** is a new and innovative video series concept designed and delivered exclusively by IABM event. In these stimulating on-camera interviews, we will discuss innovation & sustainability in the automotive industry, electric mobility and hydrogen.

Join us in person in Sosnowiec, Poland or across our social media channels and web side.

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Register on: www.iabmevent.com

AWARD – Scaling autonomous logistics

The partners of the [AWARD project](#), cofounded by the H2020 programme



of the European Union, and dedicated to the autonomous logistic chain held its first workshop on **Automation in Freight Transport & Logistics User requirements**. The replay is available here: <https://award-h2020.eu/index.php/workshop-1/>

The project also published a new scientific paper: "A quantitative Analysis of Point Clouds from Automotive Lidars Exposed to Artificial Rain and Fog". <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4433/12/6/738>

The new EACN Website is online

The new EACN Website has been designed using the new logo and colour scheme. It can be accessed via the link www.eacn-initiative.eu/.

Currently, it includes the sections

- ▲ **About us** (Homepage): Gives information about the network, the mission, and the vision. This section will get a subsection 'Join EACN' soon.
- ▲ **Members:** A page with a map of all members as well as a minimum of data. There is explicitly no descriptive information as this is often changing and difficult to maintain up to date.
- ▲ **Projects:** This page is intended to the presentation of projects with three or more



Screenshot of the EACN Website (Homepage)

EACN members. For instance, only the 'EACN for Joint Industrial Modernisation Investments' project is described. The static back-up page of this project has also been set up and can be accessed via the project section or directly at the address <https://escp-s3.eacn-initiative.eu/>. Other projects with three or more EACN members in the consortium shall be added to highlight the dynamic of the network members.

Information: This section has two subsections. The first one shows 'News and Events'. In the second subsection, Download, interested persons can download the EACN logo as well as an information flyer.

Contact: A form to send an email.

Please check your cluster's information in the Member section and provide the SG with content for news and events.

EACN Webinars in preparation

As decided by the Executive Board on 14 September, we start to prepare to sessions of webinars:

EACN Strategic Webinars: This series of webinars shall address topics of strategic general interest for clusters and the automotive industry including external high-level speakers. The idea is to discuss and present solutions to the big strategic problems of the automotive industry. Target group: Managers, politicians, decision makers. Planned first webinar in November/December.

EACN Business Talks: These webinars aim at giving a platform to companies that are member of one or more EACN clusters to address a larger public with their offers. The currently planned course will be as follows: Introduction, first session of 2-3 pitches (5 minutes each) followed by a Q/A session, a 2nd cycle of pitches and Q/A, and conclusion/closure. The first two sessions have been decided as follows

- 👤 Wednesday 13th October, 11h00 – 12h00
Topic: **Supply Chain Solutions**
- 👤 Wednesday 10th November, 11h00 – 12h00
Topic: **Digitalisation for the Automotive Industry**

Target group: Cluster members. Webinars shall be open to attendants outside EACN.

Companies interested in presenting their solution can apply using the following [Application for EACN Business Talks](#) form.

Please promote these webinars to your members and invite them to apply.

If you are interested in participating in the preparation and realisation of one of these (series of) webinars, please get in touch with the SG.

Partner opportunities

Consortium search: HORIZON-CL5-2021-D6-01-10

Team [ERCOS/ELLIAD](#) of the Technical University Belfort Montbéliard (UTBM), member of PVF, is looking for a consortium preparing a proposal to the call HORIZON-CL5-2021-D6-01-10: Testing safe lightweight vehicles and improved safe human-technology interaction in the future traffic system. They are currently part of the EU co-funded [PAsCAL project](#), the above-mentioned call is in the continuity of this project. They have a strong overall expertise in European projects

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Agenda

🇪🇺 16 – 22 September | Towns and cities worldwide
European Mobility Week

[Information and registration by towns & cities](#)

📅 22 September, 10h00 CET | Online
The design of an Industrial Upskilling Activity – the FIT4FoF ICoED process | organised by FIT4FoF consortium (with CEAGA)

[Information and registration](#)

👤 22 & 23 September | Lille (FR), online
FEAL 2021: Think the Future of Automotive Industry | organised by ARIA Haud-de-France

[Information and registration](#)

👤 29 – 30 September | Belfort (FR)
Hydrogen Business For Climate Conference | co-organised by Pôle Véhicule du Futur

[Information and registration](#)

👤 29 September – 01 October 2021 | Lyon (FR)
Battery event 2021 | co-organised by CARA

[Information](#)

🌐 05 October 2021 | online
Sustainable City Logistics AIG Thematic Event | EIT Urban Mobility

[Information and registration](#)

👤 16 – 21 November 2021 | Lyon (FR)
SOLUTRANS - Global hub for heavy & light commercial vehicles | co-organised by CARA

[Information](#)

👤 23-24 November 2021 | Sosnowiec (PL)
International Automotive Business Meeting | co-organised by SA&AM (cf. Members corner also)

[Information and registration](#)

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