

The President's Foreword

Dear colleagues,

This is the 4th EACN Newsletter and the last one in 2021. Since the official launch in January, EACN grew to 21 members, and we welcome Cluster Electric Mobility South-West from Germany that joined in October. We also set up and develop the EACN website further with additional pages, it is also one of the platforms to share news and information with you and the world abroad. Our community is also very active and dynamic. The working groups are meeting regularly, they are the place to exchange information, to discuss, to compare approaches and solutions, or to decide about joint actions. Several member clusters also engaged in joint cooperation projects and submitted proposals, the EVOLUTE project (see July newsletter) and the REMOBILISE project presented later in this newsletter are the best sign for the dynamic and performance of EACN clusters. Let us continue the way we took.

In the last Executive Board meeting we decided to hold our next **EACN General Assembly on 25 January 2022** (9h00 – 10h30). This will be a good opportunity to discuss together about achievements and goals for 2022. Save the date and join us. We will come with further information soon.

2021 comes to its end, and the colleagues from the Executive Board and I wish you all a happy, safe, and healthy new year.

Yours

Bruno Grandjean, President

Cluster presentations

Cluster Electric Mobility South-West

Cluster Electric Mobility South-West – located in Baden-Württemberg (in the south-west of Germany) – was founded in 2007. In a region that has been home to the automotive industry and its suppliers for over 130 years, the cluster brings together more than 175 members. Within the cluster, large, medium-sized and small businesses from different industries are brought together with research institutes in the form of a unique, extremely stable cooperation network that has grown over a long period of time, accelerating research and development. Cluster Electric Mobility South-West makes a decisive contribution to the technological transformation towards low-emission, competitive, digital and marketable mobility solutions.



The cluster members are united by the common vision of working on energy-efficient, environmentally friendly mobility in an age of scarce resources. Innovative technologies and methods are used to lay the foundations for new, sustainable and economical products and business models that will secure regional value creation and employment throughout Baden-Württemberg. The symbiotic cooperation makes the cluster members the world's leading providers of mobility solutions and establishes Baden-Württemberg as a central stakeholder for new and sustainable digital mobility solutions with international appeal.





Katja Gicklhorn, Director of Industrialisation

The strategic focus of the activities of the Cluster Electric Mobility South-West is on improving the innovative ability of its members through cooperation in working and project groups. The cluster succeeds in bringing together companies across sectors with research institutes in a unique, long-term and extremely stable cooperation network, thus accelerating research and development in the field of new mobility solutions. To address and advance all aspects of this broad field in a focused and interdisciplinary approach, the cluster members cooperate within topic-related working groups, including – amongst others – automated and connected driving, commercial vehicles, e-motor production, as well as internationalisation and skilled workforce and qualification. The cluster's networking with relevant players in the national and international environment – particularly in Europe, but also in North America and Asia – plays an important role.

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AVIA - Cluster de Automoci3n de la Comunitat Valenciana

AVIA is the Automotive Cluster of the Valencian Community, the multisectoral reference entity that welcomes a total of 116 companies that represent the entire value chain of the automobile sector: manufacturers of components, services, logistics, packaging and packaging or consultants. Currently, the joint turnover of the associated companies is more than 12,200 million euros, which represents 18% of the industrial turnover of the Valencian Community. The group of companies that make up the cluster employs 24,300 people who, according to the data collected in the entity's latest strategic plan, represents 9% of employment in the region.



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Members' lounge

SA&AM Cluster builds new international Partnership

As part of the development of SA&AM Cluster's international cooperation a letter of intent with the Saxony Automotive Suppliers Network (AMZ) and Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing (SA&AM) was signed on 7th October 2021 in Katowice, Poland. This is the first, but a very important step in the cooperation between the Silesian and Saxon automotive clusters!

"We believe that the cooperation of these two similar cluster initiatives, operating in regions not far from each other where the automotive industry is an important industrial sector, will soon bring tangible benefits to both coordinators and members of both initiatives." – claims Łukasz G3recki, Director of SA&AM. "The focus is on the digitization of supply chains and the development of joint technical solutions

for the transformation process in the automotive industry." – underlines the Saxony Automotive Suppliers Network.

Joint activities of both clusters have already been planned. SA&AM will also introduce the Saxony Automotive Suppliers Network to EACN. Hopefully, EACN would soon welcome a new member!



(ftr) Łukasz G3recki, Director of SA&AM Cluster, Dirk Vogel, Network Manager of AMZ Sachsen, and Janusz Michałek, President of the Board of Katowice Special Economic Zone – after the official signing of the collaboration agreement

Find out more about AMZ: <https://www.amz-sachsen.de/en/about-amz/>

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Success for the first edition of Forum Hydrogen Business For Climate

The first edition of [Forum Hydrogen Business For Climate](#) took place from 29-30 September 2021 in Belfort (FRANCE). Some figures at a glance!

- ▲ 420 C level 'H2 changemakers' from
- ▲ 16 nationalities
- ▲ 70 speakers
- ▲ 5 plenary sessions, 8 workshops
- ▲ 3 'in situ' visits
- ▲ 250 B2B meetings

A video of the event is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPnAxc6apWc>.

Forum Hydrogen Business For Climate is an event organized by the cluster Pole V3hicule du Futur with the support of the French state, the Region Burgundy Franche-Comt3, Pays de Montb3liard Agglom3ration, Belfort and Grand Belfort.

The next edition of the Forum Hydrogen Business for Climate will take place on 8-9 November 2022 in Montb3liard (FRANCE).

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Project corner

REMOBILISE project granted by the European Commission

The clusters AutomotiveNL (coordinator, NL), RTECH GmbH (DE), Mobinov (PT), NextMove (FR) and ZoneCluster (HU) clusters will strengthen their management skills, provide professional services to their ecosystems and cities, notably their SMEs, and generate cross-sectorial European value chains in the mobility sector.

REMOBILISE (stands for REgrouping MOBILITY clusters to develop Skills and Exchange) is a 24-months project pursuing the overall objectives of strengthening cluster management excellence while facilitating strategic connections between clusters and specialised ecosystems across Europe.

The partnership will focus its activities on the safe and sustainable urban mobility thematic:

- ▲ Enhancing cluster management skills towards the generation of added-value support services for SMEs;
- ▲ Developing comprehensive strategies and implementation roadmaps both at clusters and partnership levels;
- ▲ Organising twinning, networking and learning activities and implementing collaboration activities;
- ▲ Implementing the ClusterXchange programme;
- ▲ Outreach, awareness-raising and long-term activities.

The project will officially start early 2022.

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RECIPE4Mobility: Safe and sustainable mobility: Cluster mission in France



Members of the Cluster Mission in Ile-de-France/Normandy (France)

From 20 – 22 September, as part of the [RECIPE4Mobility](#) project, EACN member NextMove welcomed an international delegation during a mission in Ile-de-France and Normandy (France). Participants from Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and Hungary met and discovered innovative members of NextMove's network (from start-ups and SMEs, research centres and universities or large groups), and thus the local ecosystem around urban mobility.

For three days, the participants benefit from interesting presentations, networking moments, and visits of NextMove's members such as University Gustave Eiffel, Nextérité, CESI Rouen, Rouen Normandy Autonomous Lab, PSA Renault Lab, VEDECOM Institute, and others. The different exchanges aimed at creating informal moments of exchange, with the purpose of identifying potential international cooperation paths.

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EACN Business Talks

The Executive Board decided to postpone the Business Talks to 2022. In fact, companies, and especially SMEs are facing enormous challenges with ongoing sanitary restrictions, shortages of raw materials and components, as well as raising energy costs. The period is not appropriate to attract sufficient participants as public to the Business Talks.

Agenda

▲ 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](#)

🇪🇺 29 Novembre 2021 | Online

Information and matchmaking day for Digital Europe Programme calls on sectorial TEFs | organised by the European Commission | [Information et registration](#)

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