

The President's Foreword

Dear colleagues,

First, this is the moment to wish you a Happy New Year.

The highlight since the last newsletter has certainly been our General Assembly 2022 that took place on 25th January. Elena Lluch from AVIA and Libor Dobeš from Autoklastr have been elected to the Executive Board, and my colleagues and me welcome them warmly. The General Assembly has also been an opportunity to review what happened last year, and to have an outlook on 2022.

This year, we will continue working hard on developing our network and its added value for us and our members, with a focus on companies without forgetting R&D and other members. A first service that is now operational is the information service about disruptions in production of OEMs, you can find some more information in this newsletter. I invite you all to contribute and to make it a real added-value service for our companies.

And we hope that 2022 will be the year where we finally be able to meet physically. Let's cross fingers.

Yours

Bruno Grandjean, President

Cluster presentations

Association Régionale de l'Industrie Automobile (ARIA) des Hauts-de-France

ARIA Hauts-de-France, created in 1996 under the impetus of the Renault and Peugeot groups, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021. One of the first automotive cluster to be created in France, the ARIA Hauts-de-France aim is to support industrial companies in the automotive sector. Due to the new challenges faced by companies, the association is mobilized to support them in order to increase their competitiveness and to perpetuate their activities/employment in the region.



The activities of ARIA Hauts-de-France are classified into 6 areas of action:

- ▲ Innovation
- ▲ Promotion of the sector
- ▲ Competitiveness
- ▲ Attractiveness
- ▲ Internationalization
- ▲ Training

Some examples of actions achieved in 2021 :

- ▲ Help & support SME to carry out actions of innovation, diversification and international opportunities;
- ▲ Facilitate clustering, alliance and mutualization approaches;
- ▲ Unite the automotive industry' actors;
- ▲ Promote the sector's image in the region and participate in the development of the attractiveness for the youth;
- ▲ Facilitate exchanges with all the partners concerned;
- ▲ Participate in prospective studies related to the automotive industry;
- ▲ Support the stakeholders in their search for funding and subsidies.

Currently, ARIA Hauts-de-France has more than 230 members (manufacturers, equipment manufacturers, suppliers of goods or services, schools...) who trust us on a daily basis. In 2021, more than 1000 accompaniments have been carried out for member companies.



Luc Messien, Cluster Manager

ARIA Hauts-de-France is committed to building an international network and must be able to support regional companies wishing to expand internationally. The Hauts-de-France region, assisted by ARIA Hauts-de-France, must also be able to support foreign investment by creating a welcoming ecosystem. The actions implemented for several years between European clusters should allow sharing and exchange on best practices, product and industrial developments.

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Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster

The Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster is a platform that unites manufacturers, suppliers, service providers, educational institutions, research institutes, associations, and government agencies in Ukraine.

The cluster was created by leading manufacturers of components for the automotive industry. The Ukrainian automotive and mobility cluster is part of the European Automotive Cluster Network since December 2020.

The Ukrainian automotive and mobility cluster has 4 main strategic goals:

- ▲ To Create favourable conditions for doing business in the Ukrainian automotive industry
- ▲ To Promote production localization in Ukraine
- ▲ To support Industry 4.0 and Digitalization
- ▲ To support R&D, Industry Innovation, and new business models



Olga Trofymova, Cluster Manager

"The cluster's mission is to be a reliable partner for European automobile brands and create a positive image of the automotive industry. We strive to develop our industry and be heard at the European level," says Olga Trofymova, the manager of the Ukrainian automotive and mobility cluster.

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General Assembly 2022

On Tuesday 25 January EACN clusters met online for the General Assembly 2022. This was the opportunity to welcome the 6 new EACN members that joined the network since the last General Assembly. Together with this increase of the number of members, and in line with the by-laws, the General Assembly elected Elena Lluch, Cluster Manager at Avia/Spain, and Libor Dobeš,

Cluster Manager at Autoklastr/Czech Republic, as additional Executive Board members. They join the Executive Board until the General Assembly 2023 when the whole Executive Board must be confirmed or renewed. A more detailed presentation of Elena Lluch and Libor Dobeš will be done in the next newsletter.

The General Assembly had been the opportunity to review and approve activities conducted in 2021 and reflect about further actions and services to bring added value to companies. Some topics that have been discussed are an EACN Membership Label, EACN Coffee Breaks (online meetings) as internal discussion platform to address important topics on a fixed date each month between clusters or added value services for companies and other stakeholders. The OEM Disruption service (see below) had rapidly be presented, and a list of OpenCalls for companies on the EACN Website has been also identified as an additional service.

Members' lounge

New EU intern at Pôle Véhicule du Futur

Pôle Véhicule du Futur (PVF) is glad to welcome Corentin Pollet as new intern in the EU projects' team for the next six months. Under the supervision of Clotilde Nadé, he contributes to EU activities and promotes European collaboration for PVF's members.



Corentin Pollet

Student at Sciences Po Toulouse, coming from the North of France and former student in Canada, Corentin is passionate about traveling.

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Project corner

REC-N-COMP project: Call for pitches for SMEs from Italy, Belgium, France, and Poland

The Polish Automotive Group Cluster (PGM) takes part in the REC-N-COMP project, co-funded by the COSME programme of the European Union. It aims at developing and commercialising technologies for the production of recycled composites, using - as input materials - waste from the automotive, clothing and furniture sectors. As a result, recycled composites will find specific applications in the automotive and furniture sectors as part of the Circular Economy. The project will establish a partnership to internationalise the value chain of recycled composites for SMEs in three selected markets: USA, Japan and Singapore.

A Call for Pitches is open to SMEs from Italy, Belgium, France, or Poland active in composite and recycled materials and that are interested in expanding their export business to the USA, Japan or Singapore. They can take part in the activities of the REC-N-COMP project to explore the opportunities of these markets!

Selected SMEs will take part in an international mission to one of the three countries, with the costs of the mission being covered by the REC-N-COMP budget. By this, they can develop networks and relationships with companies and other stakeholders to create new business opportunities. The missions will take place during the second semester 2022 and 2023.

All information about the project is available on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP): <https://bit.ly/rec-n-comp>

The REC-N-COMP partners are: [Next Technology Tecnotessile](#) (Italy, leader), [Polish Automotive Group](#) (Poland), [Cluster Legno Arredo Casa FVG](#) (Wood Furniture Home Cluster FVG) (Italy), [Flanders Make](#) (Belgium) and [TECHTERA](#) (France).

SA&AM starts new Horizon Europe Project GreenSME

The European Commission granted funding to the "GreenSME" project, submitted by a consortium in which the Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing Cluster is partner.

The project has been submitted to the Horizon Europe (HORIZON) Call: HORIZON-CL4-2021-RESILIENCE-01 with a budget of 4,9 M€, including 3 M€ of direct support for implementations in SMEs. The maximum amount to be granted to each SME is 50.000€.

GreenSME aims at strengthening the ability of SMEs to absorb advanced technologies to make them more

competitive, climate neutral, maximizing benefits for all social groups, towards a sustainable EU manufacturing industry, characterized by greater adaptability and resilience to the current and future challenges of the industrial sector.

The GreenSME project assumes the sustainable development of SMEs through the implementation of a number of activities aimed at:

- ▲ increasing the awareness and knowledge of SMEs on the role of sustainable development in their activities,
- ▲ increasing the ability of SMEs to absorb technologies for sustainable economic, social and environmental development,
- ▲ development of a sustainable EU production ecosystem, e.g., by identifying and involving clusters in Europe in the strategic support of the sustainable development of enterprises.

The project consortium consists of the following European organizations:

- ▲ Tekniker (Coordinator), Spain
- ▲ Competence Industry Manufacturing 4.0 S.C. A R.L., Italy
- ▲ Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany
- ▲ CSI Centro Servizi Industrie, Italy
- ▲ AFM - Cluster, Spain
- ▲ INVEMA, Spain
- ▲ TU Dortmund University - Social Research Center, Germany
- ▲ Danish Board of Technology Foundation, Denmark
- ▲ F6S Network Ireland Limited, Ireland
- ▲ Katowice SEZ, Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing, Poland

Partner research

Consortium search: HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-25

An OEM, member of ID4Car, is looking for a consortium preparing a proposal to the call HORIZON-CL4-2022-RESILIENCE-01-25: Optimised Industrial Systems and Lines through digitalisation. They are willing to be one of the use-cases of the proposal. They are particularly interested in AI for production lines.

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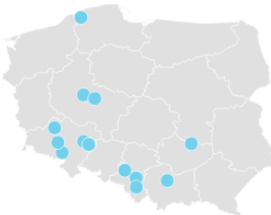
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OEM Disruption Service

The EACN OEM Disruption Service is now operational for France, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. It can easily be updated by national teams using a shared Google Sheet. The service is only open to EACN cluster

employees and employees of companies/members of EACN cluster. It is available in English and the country specific language. A registration via the EACN Website is necessary prior to using the service.

Poland ↑




Brand	City	Plant Name	Information	Products
	Bielsko-Biala	Stellantis (FCA)	No information available	
	Gliwice	Stellantis Gliwice	Production preparation phase due to the change of product range from passenger cars to vans. Van production to start in April 2022.	
	Jawor	Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing Poland	No information available	
	Jelcz-Laskowice	Jelcz military vehicles	No information available	
	Jelcz-Laskowice	Toyota Motor Manufacturing Poland	No information available	
	Niepolomice	Man Truck	No information available	
	Polkowice	Volkswagen Motor Polska	No information available	
	Poznań	Volkswagen Poznań	No information available	
	Słupsk	Scania Production Słupsk	No information available	
	Starachowice	Man Bus	No information available	


Example of Poland in the OEM Disruption Service


Agenda

 27 January 2022 | 17:30 CET | Online
Emerging ZEV Industries: Innovation and the Go To Market. | Hosted by e-mobil BW, Cluster Electric Mobility South-West, Baden-Württemberg International and LAEDC in the framework of the event series "Baden-Württemberg-California: A transatlantic platform for future mobility solutions"

[Agenda and registration](#)


 3 February 2022 | 10:00 – 16:45 CET | Online
Climate, Energy & Mobility Info Day | organised by the European Commission | [Information and access](#)


 7 February 2022 | 15:30 – 18:00 CET | Online
Virtual Transformation Conference. Organised by WFG Heilbronn, with simultaneous English translation of the panel and at least one thematic breakout rooms.
[Information and Registration](#) (in German only)

 8 – 11 February 2022 | Brussels | Online
EU Industry Days 2022 | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 8 – 9 March 2022 | Brussels
EARPA Spring Meetings 2022 | Organised by the

European Automotive Research Partners Association.
[Information and registration](#)

 29 – 30 March 2022 | Brussels
Results from road transport research in H2020 projects - #H2020RTR21 | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)



 30 May – 1 June 2022 | Toulouse (FR)
14th ITS European Congress | organised by ERTICO ITS Europe and Toulouse Métropole | [Information](#)

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