

The President's Foreword

Dear colleagues,

I hope you had a great and restful summer break and could recharge your batteries.

First of all, I would like to welcome Aleksander Grabski who will succeed Maciej Ślęzak, who passed away too early, at East Automotive Alliance, and Miguel Araújo, the successor of Fernando Machado and interim General Manager Carlos Gonçalves at Mobinov. We are looking forward to fruitful collaborations.

Autumn announces itself stormy: As you can discover, EACN members are launching various calls as part of their Eurocluster projects, and the agenda has never shown so many events than today.

In this sense, let's continue cooperating to the benefit of EACN and our clusters.

Yours

Bruno Grandjean, President

Cluster news

Aleksander Grabski, new office director at East Automotive Alliance

Following the loss of the former director, Maciej Ślęzak, caused by his premature death, Aleksander has taken up the position of the director of EAA since 1 August.



Aleksander Grabski, new director at EAA

His recent experience includes working for the local government where he supervised the cooperation with business entities and investors interested in renting business premises. The scope of his duties also included overseeing the Tarnobrzeg Industrial and Technology Park – operated by the EAA cluster. After a few years spent in this role, Aleksander changes sides and now is

now in charge of the Park, cooperating closely with the local authorities.

Aleksander's educational background, which includes a degree in Economics (International Terms of Trade) and an additional degree in English Studies should help him navigate through the international business network and shall compensate for his moderate experience in the automotive industry.

Aleksander will continue the excellent work of Maciej Ślęzak and actively contribute to the growth of the EAA.

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Miguel Araújo takes direction of Mobinov

Dear companions,

It is with great enthusiasm and expectation that I take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed General Director of Mobinov - Automotive Cluster. As I take on this role, I feel a deep commitment, enthusiasm, and determination to embark on a journey towards shaping the future of the automotive industry.

I have a professional career that has more than 20 years of experience, where I held various leadership roles in both public and private organizations.



Miguel Araújo, New General Director at Mobinov

I come to this role with a profound passion for the automotive industry and a strong belief in the power of collaboration, innovation, and sustainable practices. Throughout my career, I have witnessed the remarkable transformations that this industry has undergone, from the introduction of electric vehicles and autonomous driving technologies to the growing importance of environmental sustainability and digitalization. These changes present us with incredible opportunities to redefine the way we approach mobility and transportation.

In times of great volatility and complexity, the only certainty we have is the uncertainty of the times in which we live.

In this specific occasion i want to address a special word to EACN to highlight my commitment to maintaining and even deepening our strategic partnership, and also I am enthusiastic about the future we can will build together and the legacy we will leave for generations to come.

I look forward to see you soon!

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Members' lounge

Polish Automotive Group at MSPO and heading to Singapore

From September 5th to 8th, the Polish Automotive Group (PGM) participated in the International Defence Industry Exhibition (MSPO) held in Kielce, Poland. Seven member companies of PGM showcased a wide range of competencies from the automotive industry that are successfully applied in the defence industry. The PGM booth attracted significant interest from visitors.

MSPO is the third-largest defence trade fair in Europe. This year's edition drew 711 exhibitors from 35 countries, and the exhibition was visited by nearly 26,000 attendees.



PGM members at the group's stand during the MSPO fair

Participation in the fair not only facilitated the promotion of the Polish automotive industry but also encouraged the exchange of experiences and contacts among PGM member companies.

From September 18th to 22nd, PGM will be taking part in an economic mission to Singapore as part of the REC-

N-COMP project. This project aims to support the internationalization of European SMEs in the field of manufacturing and utilizing composites derived from recycling.

The REC-N-COMP project is funded by the European Commission under the COSME / Clusters Go International program.

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Smart Mobility Valencia (SMV) 2023 to take place from 25 to 27 October in Valencia



From 25 to 27 October, AVIA will celebrate the Smart Mobility Valencia Conference on sustainable and intelligent mobility for the third time. Created by AVIA and Mobility Innovation Valencia (MIV), the event gives a floor to all stakeholders interested in challenges, solutions, and innovations for a new, more sustainable, intelligent, and connected mobility. It will be the ideal setting to learn about latest trends in products and services in the field of sustainable mobility.

More than 400 high-level speakers from international organisations and companies and more than 12,000 attendees are expected. The SMV will have a privileged location within the [Valencia Digital Summit](#) and a common area.

If you are interested in attending the event, please do not hesitate to contact AVIA at info@avia.com.es to check possibilities of covering travel and accommodation costs thanks to the support of the Valencian administration.

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Decarbonization Roadmap for the Portuguese Automotive Sector



Mobinov coordinates a project, in partnership with 20 companies from the automotive sector, focusing on building a Decarbonization Roadmap for the National Automotive sector. The project is supported by the Recovery and Resilience Plan and the European Next Generation EU Funds. [Full press release.](#)

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Project corner

The RESIST Eurocluster launches two new Open calls to support SMEs in their digital and green transition.



Within the framework of the RESIST Eurocluster initiative – in which PVF, CEAGA and Autoklastr participate – two new open calls targeting European SMEs working in the Mobility, Transport and Automotive (MTA) ecosystem have been launched:

Eligible activities	Financial support
<p>Assessment reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Evaluation of your green/digital maturity and advice for improvement. <p>Feasibility studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Detailed analysis of your improvement plan, innovation project or similar, to determine its chance of success. 	<p>Total budget: €190,000 for up to 37 FSTP schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Assessment support: up to €4,000 ▲ Feasibility support: up to €7,500

[Coaching & Mentoring Services Open Call](#)
Application deadline: 1 November 2024

Eligible activities outside the European Union	Financial support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Attend conferences, trade-fairs or exhibitions in a target market ▲ Attend in-person trainings / internationalisation events ▲ Participate in in-person matchmaking events ▲ Bilateral meetings with potential customers or suppliers (B2B, B2C, C2C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ up to 15 FSTP schemes ▲ 2,000 €/person

[Internationalisation Open Call:](#)
Deadline for application: 20 December 2024

Other RESIST opportunities:

- ▲ Join our **pool of experts in the field of digitalisation, green economy, and sustainability** to support SMEs applying to the CMS open call. In case of interest, apply [here](#).
- ▲ Resist **hybrid matchmaking event in Linz (Austria)** on 18 October: Identify business opportunities and partners for joint innovation projects and receive updated information about RESIST open calls. In case of interest, register [here](#).

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'STARS' and 'ReStartSMEs' joint final event



The [STARS](#) and [ReStartSMEs](#) consortia celebrate their joint final event on 26 September in Brussels (and online). The event will explore the potential of advanced technologies to help SMEs adapting to the post-crisis economic environment and build a stronger, sustainable, and prosperous future. [Further information and registration.](#)

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e-BOOST: Launch of first Open Call

e.boost The E-BOOST Eurocluster aims at developing a European electromobility ecosystem. The project consortium published its [first open call](#) to support a participation in the SOLUTRANS fair in Lyon (France). The Mobility Lump Sum covers expenses to attend all activities included in the programme mission, travel costs, accommodation, registration fees, etc.

SOLUTRANS is a biennial fair for haulage and urban professionals where innovation and information in the HGV sector come together: 55000 professionals, visitors from 57 countries, and 1000 exhibitors. The event tackles five major themes: urban deliveries, new energies, tyres, retrofit and embedded intelligence.

Detailed information about the open call is provided during a webinar on 28 September (10h00 CET). [Registration](#).

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Webinar: Discovering the REMOBILISE Mobility Ecosystem

● ● ● ● ● The [REMOBILISE](#) consortium organizes a webinar on 21 September (10h30 – 12h00 CET) present the wealth of mobility ecosystems around the European REMOBILISE project, of which NextMove and Mobinov are partners. Each cluster will give an overview of the current trends and major challenges in its own ecosystem with a focus on a specific topic (materials, power electronics, hydrogen, smart cities, batteries). [Further information](#)

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GEMSTONE Open Call launched: Opportunity for SMEs

The European Eurocluster project [GEMSTONE](#), with Clust-ER MECH as partner,  aims at helping SMEs in their journey towards Green Manufacturing. The project published [new funding opportunities](#) for SMEs in several sectors, among which mobility and advanced materials:

-  **TRAINING - Open Call TRAIN** (maximum funding: €2,000):
To bolster workforce skills by financing training programs within the field of Green Manufacturing.
-  **INTERNATIONALIZATION - Open Call EXPLORE** (maximum funding: €1,500)

To streamline international market entry through participation in global trade fairs and events, the EXPLORE Open Call provides SMEs with invaluable support.

Both Open Calls are open until 31 December 2024 with intermediate application deadlines every two months.

-  **INNOVATION - Open Call GREEN INNOV & GREEN ADOPT** (maximum funding: €60,000 and €40,000)
To foster the development and implementation of pioneering solutions, the GREEN INNOV & GREEN ADOPT Open Calls are open until October 31, 2023, with a single application window.

The GREEN INNOV Open Call concentrates on the prototypical development (TRL 5-6) of solutions that bring enhancements in pivotal areas such as Circular Design, Optimal Use, and Value Recovery. Conversely, the GREEN ADOPT Open Call is dedicated to testing and operational deployment (TRL 7-8) of solutions in the same domains. Participation in micro-consortia is a prerequisite for the GREEN ADOPT Open Call to encourage collaboration between end-users and technology providers.

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Other information

New publications in EACN internal section

-  Roland Berger: **EV Charging Index #4** (2023)
-  Anna Maria Lis; Marta Mackiewicz: **The implementation of green transformation through clusters**. Ecological Economics 209 (2023)
-  TÜV Süd: **The Global Transformation of the Automotive Market**. Whit Paper (2023)

The documents are available for download at Services => Document download of the [EACN Website](#) (for EACN members only).

Open consultation: CCAM solutions in Europe

2 August 2023: DG Research & Innovation is running a survey to gather your insights, opinions, and expectations regarding the current state and future prospects of Connected, Cooperative, and Automated Mobility (CCAM) in Europe. Deadline: End of September. [Further information](#)

New law on more sustainable, circular and safe batteries enters into force

17 August 2023: A new [Batteries Regulation](#) will ensure that, in the future, batteries have a low carbon

footprint, use minimal harmful substances, need less raw materials from non-EU countries, and are collected, reused and recycled to a high degree in Europe. The BEP Association published a [condensed overview of the regulation](#).

DUT Call 2023 published

1 September 2023: The Driving Urban Transition Partnership published the call 2023. Deadline for submissions (step 1): 21 November 2023. [Further information](#)

Political agreement on the UK's association to Horizon Europe

7 September 2023: The European Commission and the UK Government announced having concluded negotiations and reached an agreement in principle on the association of the UK to Horizon Europe and Copernicus under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. [Further information](#)

Enabling a successful transition towards electric-powered road transport

Publication on the CORDIS Platform of a [Results Pack on Electric Vehicles](#) highlighting 10 projects funded by the Horizon 2020 research and innovation funding programme delivering Europe's green mobility targets.

Proposition of 10 new European Partnerships for 2025-27

The European Commission published a draft concept on co-funded and co-programmed European Partnerships under the second Horizon Europe Strategic Plan. [Further information](#)

Horizon Europe Cluster 5 Stakeholder directory

GREENET published a [stakeholder directory](#) with pan-European stakeholders related to cluster 5: Climate, Energy, Mobility.

Horizon Implementation Days

The European Commission organises two webinars about "[Finding opportunities and submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe](#)" (5 October 2023) and "[Grant Agreement Preparation in Horizon Europe](#)" (17 October 2023).

EU-UK Agreement on cooperation in Horizon Europe and the space programme Copernicus

7 September 2023: The European Commission and the United Kingdom have reached a political agreement on the UK's participation in Horizon Europe, the EU's research, and innovation programme, and Copernicus, the EU's world-leading Earth observation programme. UK partners in proposals starting after the 1 January 2024 will be co-funded through Horizon Europe. [Read more](#).

Agenda

 20 September 2023 | 08h30 – 09h45 CET | Online
EU Clusters Talks: EU funding programmes I | Organised by ECCP | [Further information and registration](#)

  20 – 22 September 2023 | Heraklion (Crete)
International Congress on Transportation Research | organised by and Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers | [Further information](#)

 26 September 2023 | Brussels (Belgium), online
STARS and ReStartSMEs final event | organised by the project consortia | [Further information and registration](#)

 27 September 2023 | 08h30 – 09h45 CET | Online
EU Clusters Talks: EU funding programmes II | Organised by ECCP | [Further information and registration](#)

 28 September 2023 | Beacon on Light (UK)
North East Automotive Alliance's (NEAA) flagship Expo | organised by NEAA | [Further information](#)

 28 – 29 septembre 2023 | Regensburg (Germany)
RECIPROCITY Final Event | organised by the Reciprocity consortium | [Further information and registration](#)

 3 – 4 October 2023 | Belfort (France)
Hydrogen Business for Climate | co-organised by Pôle Véhicule du Futur | [Further information](#)

 4 – 6 October 2023 | Seville (Spain)
Urban Mobility Days 2023 | organised by the European Commission | [Further information and registration](#)

 4 – 6 October 2023 | Malaga (Spain)
EU Industry Days (focus on green, digital, and resilient transition) | [Further information](#)

 5 October 2023 | online
Horizon Implementation Day: Finding opportunities and submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 11 – 12 October 2023 | online
Info day on Horizon Europe Cluster 4 'Digital, Industry and Space' (WP 2023-2024) | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 17 October 2023 | online
Horizon Implementation Day: Grant Agreement

Preparation in Horizon Europe | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 17 October 2023 | online

Info day on Horizon Europe Cluster 5 ‘Climate, Energy and Mobility’ (WP 2023-2024) | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 18 October 2023 | Linz (Austria)

RESIST hybrid matchmaking event | organised by the RESIST Consortium | [Further information and registration](#)

 18 October 2023 | online

Brokerage Event Horizon Europe Cluster 5 ‘Climate, Energy and Mobility’ (WP 2023-2024) | organised by GREENET | [Further information](#)

 17 – 18 October 2023 | Bruxelles (Belgium)

4th Future of Road Mobility Forum 2023 | organised by earpa | [Further information and registration](#)

 29 – 30 November 2023 | Leuven (Belgium)

Annual POLIS Conference 2023 | organised by POLIS | [Further information](#)

 5 - 7 February 2024 | Brussels (Belgium)

“Results from Road Transport Research” conference | organised by 2ZERO, CCAM, ERTRAC and the European Commission | [Further information](#)

 2 - 5 April 2024 | Brussels (Belgium)

Connecting Europe Days 2024 | organised by the European Commission | [Further information](#)

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