

The President's Foreword

Dear all,

First of all, I want to welcome our new members

- Cluster Automotive / Bayern Innovativ (Germany)
- Lithuanian Automotive Export Association LAUGEA (Lithuania)
- ZONE Cluster (Hungary)
- Baltic Automotive Component Cluster (Lithuania)

Today, 33 clusters from 17 European countries are cooperating in EACN, making it a very strong network. Our cooperation allows improving cluster excellence and services for your members, opening new opportunities for collaboration, and creating benefits for clusters and their members.

This newsletter; the longest ever, resumes activities and project actions realised by EACN clusters. Therefore, it is also, and again, the proof that we are moving things and bringing added value to our companies, academic and R&D institutions, and other stakeholders. With our actions, we strengthen the whole automotive ecosystem. But many challenges and hard work lay before us.

With this, enjoy your summer break, take a rest and gather forces to face our joint challenges. We'll see us back in September.

Yours

Bruno Grandjean, President

Inside EACN

Discussion about future Mobility Meta-Clusters Cooperation launched

Following an invitation of EACN, four European Meta-clusters met to get to know each other and to discuss about potential collaborations. The four networks are



EACP
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- European Aerospace Cluster Partnership EACP
- European Network of Maritime Clusters ENMC
- European Railway Clusters Initiative ERCI
- And EACN

A first presentation of the different networks highlighted many similarities in terms of functioning, members, challenges, and others. A summary

document with the presentations from all four cluster networks is available [here](#).

It has thus been decided to continue the discussions! The next meeting will take place in early September, and the main topic will be on potential collaborative activities: **Please send your ideas and wishes for joint activities/actions between the four cluster networks to sg@eacn-initiative.eu** until the end of August.

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Thomas Röhr, Secretary General

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Help strengthening EACN's visibility and added value

"Member of EACN" badge

EACN is a strong network with 33 members from 17 countries, and all member clusters can commit to the network using the "Member of EACN" badge! If you haven't done it yet, insert the badge on your website. And you can also use it in future production.



The badge can be downloaded [here](#).

Services on the EACN Website

Just a reminder that the EACN Website has different sections that can be useful for members to communicate and share with others:

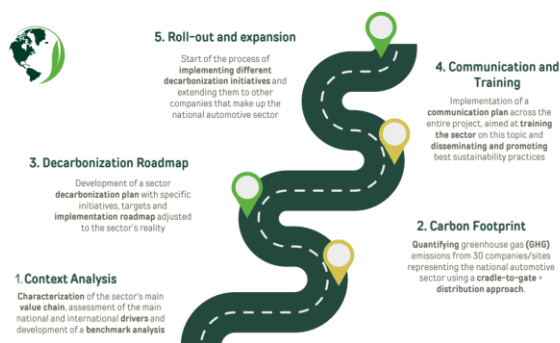
- The [Services/Project events and OpenCalls](#) section allows adding new events and OpenCalls. Submission is limited to connected users, but information is visible publicly.
- The [Services/Document download](#) section, visible only to EACN internal users, gives access to documents of common interest.
- The [Services/Project result library](#) section, also visible only to EACN internal users, is a place to store and save project results that may be of interest to other clusters, as an information or as templates when setting up new projects.

Collaborative project presentations


The EACN Website has also a section to [present collaborative projects](#) with European/multinational funding. If you are interested in presenting your (recently finished or ongoing) project, please feel free to send the information (based on the existing projects) to sg@eacn-initiative.eu.

EACN Coffee Break: Discovery of the Portuguese Decarbonisation Roadmap

EACN member Mobinov runs a project on national level to estimate the overall carbon footprint of the Portuguese automotive industry and to develop a national roadmap to minimise it. The approach and current results have been presented and discussed during the EACN Coffee Break in May by the project leader, Tânia Estevão. Based on 30 representative member companies of Mobinov, the overall GHG emissions of the sector have been estimated. The companies reported their emissions using a standardised form, accompanied by skilled staff to ensure homogeneous and complete data collection.



The five steps of the Mobinov Decarbonisation Roadmap project

The presentation and an English version of the used data collection form are available in the  [Document Download](#) section of the EACN Website.

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Cluster presentations

Lithuanian Automotive Export Association LAUGEA

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Lithuanian Automotive Export Association

(LAUGEA) is a cross-sectoral business cluster, joining Lithuanian companies related to the automotive industry, and science representatives, founded in 2014. LAUGEA covers a network of 24 companies from the automotive sector and 2 science representatives.

Cooperation of LAUGEA members, through its scientific potential, ensures greater opportunities for product development, testing and marketing in local and foreign markets, as well as more efficient management of corporate costs.

LAUGEA members are actively involved in local and international research and innovation program projects, international exhibitions and business

missions, as well as collaborating with various companies, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, research and product development partners, and other institutions of similar activity. Research, development and innovation (R&D&I) activities are carried out by taking advantage of laboratories owned by cluster members and partners.



Andrius Rakickas, Director

LAUGEA cluster frequently participates in the local project calls for expanding new markets (as Business Cluster), networking (as EXPO Cluster) and R&D&I (as Inoconnect).

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Zone Cluster



ZONE CLUSTER

ZONE Cluster was established by leading

Hungarian ICT, electronics, ANSP (ATM/UTM) and automotive companies to institutionally connect research, development, and innovation capacities in the field of new mobility. Our cluster provides an innovation cooperation framework for developing sector-specific products and services, including sustainable, innovative solutions.



Veronika Erős, CEO and Cluster Manager

Nurturing an international, especially regional, cooperation network is key to achieving our mission. Our organisation is the founding member of EIT Urban Mobility, and we have a long track record in participating Interreg, COSME and other national and Europe-wide programmes.

One of our major objectives is to support the digital and green transition and the related labour transition in the automotive industry. A recent ZONE Cluster study on industry trends and challenges identified the sector's competency matrix, the basic requirements and tools for workforce transformation. The most significant identified challenges are regulatory changes that drive the transformation of the sector, the existence of skills gaps constraining workforce transformation, and the pressing need for reskilling and upskilling.

As a cluster, we are actively seeking project opportunities in the above fields. We are open to working in consortia or in any kind of cooperation framework with the aim of co-creating learning materials and developing training and awareness programs. We are also actively searching for high-quality learning materials for adaptation and extend our existing portfolio.

Our main focuses:

- ▲ Promoting international partnerships, linking different stakeholders in the field of mobility (industry, cities, research and educational institutions)
- ▲ We unite international consortia for innovative projects, offering our expertise and vast experience in managing innovation projects, bringing together several European countries
- ▲ Managing successful startup acceleration programmes, providing scaling-up opportunities
- ▲ Supporting research collaborations
- ▲ Delivering education, training, and awareness programmes supporting the green and the digital transition
- ▲ Supporting the twin transition in the automotive sector
- ▲ reinforcing SME sector
- ▲ Supporting modern, disruptive technologies through regulatory and methodological consultations with the appropriate decision-making bodies
- ▲ Support the testing of connected electromobility solutions in Hungary and the European Union
- ▲ ESG and circular economy

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Baltic Automotive Components Cluster BACC

The Baltic Automotive Components Cluster (BACC) is a business-driven association of companies in the



automotive, agriculture, and construction machinery industries. Uniting over 200 companies across the Baltic States, with over 20 active members, we are leaders in producing components and parts, generating a collective revenue of ~1.49 billion EUR.



Diana Manko, Managing Director

Founded in 2013, BACC unites Lithuanian, German, and Swedish companies with extensive experience, specializing in metal processing, plastic injection moulding, electronics, and e-mobility solutions. Our members use 100% renewable green electricity and export over 90% of their production to renowned OEM and TIER1 automotive brands in Europe.

BACC promotes the Baltic automotive industry, enhances member competitiveness, and supports the entire value-added supply chain through collaboration and innovation. BACC did not yet participate in international projects but is keen on joining future ones.

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Invitations

Cluster Collaboration Lab | 25-26 September 2024 | Strasbourg: Unlock New Opportunities!

Are you willing to connect with European clusters and innovation actors from around Europe? Don't miss the next edition of C2Lab in Strasbourg (France) on the 25-26 September 2024 in Strasbourg. The C2Lab is organised by the ECCP and the French Association of Pôles de Compétitivité (AFPC).

The C2Lab will deal with

- ▲ Meta clustering
- ▲ Interregional investments
- ▲ Mobility

- ▲ Health
- ▲ Construction
- ▲ Your own project idea

Network with key players, participate in collaborative sessions, and take advantage of tailored business matchmaking. C2Lab 2024 offers a unique platform to expand your network and explore new projects opportunities.



The C2Lab is a co-creation space which aims at maturing project ideas proposed by participants and building proposals together. The work initiated at the C2Lab should be further implemented afterwards. Three steps to excel:

- ▲ [Register online](#) on the C2Lab B2Match platform, please select **"Long Term Matchmaking"** to get to know the other participants and book meetings ahead of the on-site event.
- ▲ At the beginning of September, you will be invited to **join an online pitching session** to present yourself to the other participants.
- ▲ The last step is the C2Lab meeting where you will be able to create real project proposals all together.

Registration: [Cluster Collaboration Lab \(C2Lab\) - Info \(b2match.io\)](#) | [Further information and draft agenda](#)

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Automotive Suppliers' Day Baden-Württemberg | 10 October 2024 | Esslingen am Neckar (Germany)



The electrification of the powertrain is a central element of the current changes in the automotive industry and plays a key role in value creation in the automotive sector. The Automotive Suppliers' Day Baden-Württemberg 2024 is dedicated to this topic and presents groundbreaking innovations in research and development as well as market opportunities and

support services for suppliers in the battery and electric motor sectors.

The Automotive Suppliers' Day BW 2024 provides a unique platform for experts from companies and research institutions to exchange information on the latest developments in the field of battery technology and electric powertrain and serves as an interface for knowledge transfer, networking and strengthening partnerships in this ever-changing industry.

10 October 2024 | 08h30 - 17h00 CET | Neckar Forum Esslingen, Ebershaldenstraße 12, 73728 Esslingen am Neckar. Attendance is free, but registration is required. More information and registration.

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Save the date: "Clusters meet Regions" | 13-14th November | Heilbronn (Germany)



Organized by ECCP and EACN member Cluster TRANSFORMATIVE Dialog Heilbronn, this event will be a huge opportunity to meet. [Further information to come.](#)

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Members' lounge

CIAC's Miting d'Auto: Again, a great success

More than 300 representatives attended the 7th Miting d'Auto at the Hyatt Regency Barcelona Tower. In his inaugural speech, CIAC President Sergio Alcaraz highlighted that *"Catalonia makes up a powerful ecosystem with technology centres, universities and companies that collaborate jointly together. It is also a European and global pole of attraction for startups"*. He also addressed the challenges of the sector such as *"unstable supply chains, new competitors entering Europe, important investments to achieve the transformation Europe, major investments to achieve the digital transformation or the need to incorporate the need to incorporate sustainability and circularity factors in our processes and products"*.

The event was a great opportunity for participants to discover the new CIAC strategic plan 2025-2027 and to discuss around the four axis:

- ▲ Collaboration and Partnerships Axis
- ▲ Innovation and Digitalisation Axis
- ▲ Sustainability and Circularity Axis
- ▲ Foresight and Adaptation



EACN Secretary General speaking to the Miting d'Auto participants

During the discussion on collaboration and partnerships, David Romeral from EACN member CAAR took part in the panel, and EACN Secretary General Thomas Röhr had the (virtual) opportunity to highlight the importance of cooperation on all local, regional, national and European levels.

Several prizes have been awarded at the Miting d'Auto: The CIAC Award for the Best Automotive Company of the Year (Meleghy Automotive Barcelona SAU), the Award for the Best Internationalisation Plan (Ausil Systems), the CIAC prize for the Best Innovation Strategy (I2CAT), and the CIAC Award for Best Industrial Productivity (Farguell Group).



Organisers and award winners

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East Automotive Alliance awarded Leader of Business Environment Institution

On 19 June 2024, EAA was awarded a special commemorative statue by the Industrial Development

Agency branch in Tarnobrzeg during the meeting of Investors and Partners of the Tarnobrzeg Special Economic Zone EURO-PARK WISŁOSAN.



EAA Director Aleksander Grabski receiving the Award

The received distinction is a great honour to us and proves the right direction of our organisation. It is also a tribute to all the people involved in the activities conducted by EAA, their hard work and devotion.

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Events by the Slovenian Strategic Innovation and Development Partnership SRIP ACS+

EACN member GIZ ACS forms together with Transport Association at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia the Slovenian Strategic Innovation and Development Partnership SRIP ACS+. Different events and actions have been organised around the "GREen Mobility" (GREMO) Mission:

Strategic consultation on the SRIP ACS+.

A strategic consultation in May was the perfect opportunity to inform the Slovenian Prime Minister and the present Ministers about ongoing innovative product and solution developments as well as about results from the GREMO Mission, which started three years ago. This mission aims at supporting Slovenian automotive companies in the green and digital transformation and at placing Slovenia among the most innovative automotive players in Europe – and beyond!



Participants at the SRIP ACS+ strategic consultation

GREMO Development Conference

A GREMO Development Conference in Mai 2024 with more than 120 participants allowed discussing and developing new innovative solutions and strengthen competitiveness, e.g. around new materials and technologies, products, or and production processes.

Many of the research and development projects presented at the conference, which will influence new solutions in the mobility and automotive industries over the next decade, could not have come to life without this conference.

SRIP ACS+ at SEE AUTOMOTIVE CONNECT & SUPPLY

EACN Member Serbian Automotive Cluster – AC Serbia organized the 2024 edition of the "[SEE Automotive – Connect & Supply](#)" on 21-22.05.2024 in Belgrade (Serbia) with the goal to connect OEM manufacturers, TIER1&2 companies, and relevant public institutions to further help the development of automotive industry in the South-Eastern Europe (SEE) region.



Impression from the SEE Automotive Connect & Supply conference

SRIP ACS+ participated in the SEE AUTOMOTIVE CONNECT & SUPPLY conference in Belgrade, aimed at automotive manufacturers and their suppliers from South Eastern Europe. The event and its speakers focused on the state of the global automotive industry, its future development and the challenges posed by the radical transformation of mobility. "The future will be green and safe", was what heard the more as 300 representatives from more than 200 companies at the conference.

Creation of a HR working group

As member companies are facing staff shortages, SRIP ACS+ decided to set up a Human Resources Working Group. At the first meeting, ways of cooperation between business and educational institutions and possibilities to develop joint projects have been discussed.

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Automotive Cluster Bulgaria Held Its Annual International Conference in Sofia in June

On 11-13 June 2024, Automotive Cluster Bulgaria co-organised its largest annual event in Sofia (Bulgaria), the international Automotive Forum Bulgaria 2024 where latest industry trends and breakthroughs have been presented and discussed.

More than 50 internationally renowned speakers participated, sharing their expertise and vision for the future of the industry. Topics of the conference included the development of EV batteries, innovative projects for transport decarbonization, automotive manufacturing technologies such as automation, robotics, and digitalization, and sustainable mobility, or artificial intelligence and software in the automotive industry.



arch. Lyubomir Stanislavov, CEO & Member of Board opening the Automotive Forum

Panel discussions on "Electric Vehicles vs. Internal Combustion Engine Cars" and "Integration of connected car technologies and cloud-based software solutions" brought in-depth insights to participants.

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The Galician accelerator Business Factory Auto supports 20 new startups

The Executive Committee of the Business Factory Auto & Mobility (BFA) has selected 20 new business projects to participate in the 8th edition of the initiative, which will begin their journey in the accelerator in September.

This new call has once again registered a high level of participation, as it received 130 applications from different countries. For yet another year, the BFA continues to attract innovative talent to our region. In this call, diversity has increased, with eight projects from outside Galicia (Spain): two international projects from Holland and France; and six national ones from

Santander, Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, Navarre and Lleida.

The BFA is a benchmark in attracting talent to the Galician region and also stands out for promoting and channelling talent and innovation. One of the sector's great strengths is attracting companies and startups to complete the value chain of the automotive and mobility industry.

The 20 projects selected respond to the technological challenges proposed by the Galician Automotive and Mobility Sector, which were submitted to the BFA by companies such as Stellantis, Denso or Plastic Omnium. Many of these selected proposals focus on the development of electric vehicles, battery charging, electric motorbikes or solar charging systems.

More info: <https://bfauto.es/>

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"Cluster Mixer" - Networking event of the Lower Silesian Automotive Cluster

Efficient networking is of great importance in the development of various types of business. With a view to enabling entrepreneurs to establish new, valuable relations, the Lower Silesian Automotive Cluster and the Bydgoszcz Industrial Cluster "Tool Valley" organised a networking event entitled "Cluster Mixer" at the Legnica Special Economic Zone Conference Centre.

Participants had the opportunity to exchange experiences, ideas and discuss opportunities for future cooperation, which will undoubtedly contribute to the development of the automotive industry in the region.



The signatories of the letter (l2r):

Daniel Kowalski, Chairman of the Council of the Lower Silesian Automotive Cluster.

Przemysław Bożek, President of the Management Board of the Legnica Special Economic Zone JSC,

Piotr Wojciechowski, Managing Director of the Bydgoszcz Industrial Cluster "Tool Valley"

During the event, an agreement of intent was signed between both clusters that provides for close cooperation in the exchange of information and experience, as well as the organisation of joint projects to foster innovation and competitiveness. These activities are aimed at strengthening the position of cluster members in the market and creating new business opportunities.

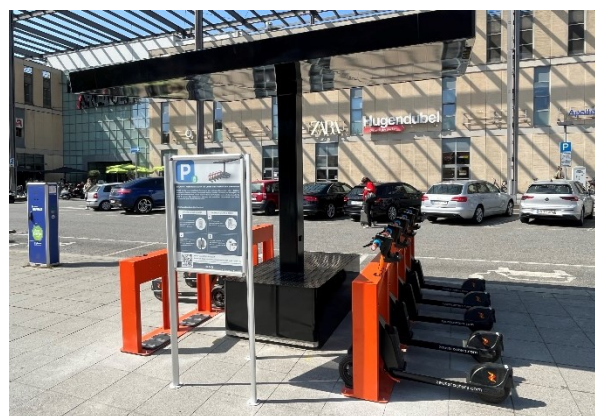
The schedule also included 5 networking sessions, during which more than 50 representatives of companies "mingled", gaining new contacts, exchanging offers, but above all - entering into talks about potential cooperation.

During the event, the Lower Silesian Automotive Cluster welcomed 5 new members: DEKRA, ELMAR BHP, IRON GROUP and Quality Research Center – KGHM Group.

We believe that this is just the beginning of fruitful cooperation!

ZISteM: Research project provides new insights into micromobility

The project "Targeted integration, control and management of micromobility services" (ZISteM) aimed at investigating whether micromobility services and their combination with other modes of transport can contribute to making urban transport more sustainable, efficient and attractive. Micromobility includes electrically powered micro-vehicles that are used as an alternative to conventional means of transportation, such as e-scooters, e-bikes and e-cargo bikes.



ZOLAR station

The project included the further development of the Zeus e-scooters, infrastructural measures, e.g., over 30 parking spaces for the shared e-scooters, the development and installation of three ZOLAR stations, the development and evaluation of an application for intermodal routing was developed, and the conduction of a public survey with the following results:

- ▲ Almost two thirds of those surveyed used their bicycle at least 4 times a week.
- ▲ By contrast, only 24% used their car to the same extent.
- ▲ The most decisive criteria for the choice of means of transport are the time factor, the issue of sustainability/environmental protection and availability.
- ▲ Around two thirds of respondents also have a negative or at least somewhat negative attitude towards e-scooter sharing.
- ▲ E-scooters replace 15% of car journeys.
- ▲ The establishment of mandatory parking spaces for e-scooter sharing is supported by a large majority.

[Read the full news](#)

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Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster invited to the CLEPA General Assembly

UAMC had been invited to the CLEPA - European Association of Automotive Suppliers General Assembly on 13-14 June. The Assembly was inaugurated by Mr. Matthias Zink, CEO Automotive Technologies at Schaeffler and President of CLEPA, who emphasised the industry's pivotal role in transforming European mobility, and the challenges and opportunities the transition presents.



Olga Trofymova speaking at the CLEPA General Assembly

Olga Trofymova, Leader of Export Alliance of Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster took part at the panel discussion and shared stories of sustainable Ukrainian business. She particularly highlighted the need to invest into new automotive businesses in Ukraine and integrate into the supply chain. The panel discussion was followed by pitch sessions. Polish companies and 3 UAMC members were invited to make pitches. After an open vote, the winner of the mini competition was the Ukrainian start-up MeGoElectric. Congratulations to the winners!

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Project corner

Successful cooperation of Autoklastr and EAA in a collaborative Erasmus+ Project

EACN members Autoklastr and EAA (coordinator), along with their partners, successfully prepared a comprehensive brochure on the collaboration between vocational schools and the industrial sector. This initiative was part of the Erasmus+ project "Model for Collaboration Between Vocational Schools and Industrial Organizations."



Study visit at TATRA Trucks a.s.

Throughout the project, numerous study visits were conducted, allowing both students and teachers to gain practical insights and experience in a different country. This exchange of knowledge and best practices has significantly enriched the participants' educational and professional perspectives.



EAA President Ryszard Jania Opening the Final project conference in

A [brochure](#) featuring collaborative models from the Moravian-Silesian and Rzeszów regions showcases the outcomes of this fruitful cooperation. The final dissemination events were held in both the Czech Republic and Poland, highlighting the project's success and impact. The event in Poland on 19 June 2024 brought together almost 70 participants including representatives of the regional and local authorities, employment offices, the automotive industry, technical universities and vocational schools, educational authorities and business organisations. It was therefore an excellent opportunity to discuss the possibility of

improving the quality of vocational training through closer collaboration between schools and workplaces.



Partners Involved

We highly recommend other EACN members to consider engaging in similar small-scale projects (only 60k€ for 6 partners). The positive feedback and appreciation from our members underscore the value of such initiatives in fostering international collaboration and enhancing educational experiences.

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EACN members join forces in the Interreg Central Europe 'Drive2Transform' project

Cluster Mobility & Logistics (R-Tech GmbH) coordinates the new Europe-wide project [Drive2Transform](#)

about the future of the automotive industry in which Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing (Katowice Special Economic Zone) is also project partner. Both institutions represent regions with a strong industrial automotive industry.



Participants of the Drive2Transform Kick-off meeting in Regensburg (Germany)

The Drive2Transform project offers SMEs regional and transnational measures to actively shape the technological and market transformation. The project partners aim at better connecting regional companies from the automotive and supplier industry through cooperation with other European partners, at exchanging knowledge, and at strengthening their international competitiveness. *"The central element of the cross-regional strategy of Drive2Transform is the Transnational Automotive Open Transformation Platform"* explains Uwe Pfeil, Manager of the Cluster Mobility & Logistics. *"We use this platform to provide*

proposed solutions that are tailored to the specific needs and challenges of the individual regions.", including trainings focusing on activities and skills needed in the course of the transformation.

Drive2Transform is running from June 2024 to November 2026. The nine project partners come from eight Central European countries and have all many years of experience in the automotive industry. The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of the European Union.

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Eurocluster project POLREC: Open Call

The Eurocluster project [POLREC](#) invites companies from polymer recycling sector and those interested in implementing recycling processes etc. to benefit from one of two OpenCalls:



- ▲ Funding for SME's who want to go to a mission to Canada in 2025 with up to **3.600 EUR** per organisation; more information: [POLREC: Internationalisation Open call – Matchmaking mission – Cluster Submission Platform](#)
- ▲ Funding for SME's to receive a training in recycling with up to **1.460 EUR** per organisation; also interesting for training providers!: [POLREC: Training Open Call – Cluster Submission Platform](#)

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TRIEME: Share your insights for future up- and reskilling programmes

The project 'Digital & Green Skills Towards Future of the Mobility Ecosystem' (TRIEME) is an Erasmus+ Blueprint project and aligns with the European Pact for Skills Action and its respective large-scale Partnership, the Automotive Skills Alliance. The consortium has 32-partners from 15 countries, including EACN member Mobinov. The Project focuses on digital and green skills for future mobility, partners will leverage the collection of skills intelligence and strive to identify automotive sector trends to boost re-skilling and up-skilling skilling programmes, along with the development of trainings and exploring the impacts of the ecosystem transition.

In this frame, TRIEME launched a survey aiming at ***"gathering comprehensive information on the trends and drivers of change and identify skills and competences needs. It will be further used to also***

identify gaps between the skills needs and training and courses provided by different education providers, and to guide future development of suitable courses for upskilling, reskilling, and new curricula for the industry in a way that supports the development of the sector."

[Participate here](#) (approx.. 15 min.)

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Other information

EU strategic agenda 2024-2029

The strategic agenda for 2024-2029 was adopted at the European Council meeting on 27 June 2024. It's based on three pillars:

- 👉 A free and democratic Europe
- 👉 A strong and secure Europe
- 👉 A prosperous and competitive Europe

[Further information](#)

13 Instrument Call for Proposals – Strand 2a

This call aims at providing financial & advisory support for investments in interregional innovation projects for the development of value chains in less developed regions. Estimated total available budget: €36 million. Deadline for applications: 5 December 2024. [Further information](#).

Driving Urban Transition Call 2024

The DUT Call 2024 opens on 2 September 2024 and closes 14 November 2024 (phase 1). The purpose of this Call for proposals is to support transnational research and/or innovation projects addressing urban challenges to help cities in their transition towards a more sustainable economy and functioning. The challenges are grouped into three 'Transition Pathways': *Circular Urban Economies*, *15-minute City* and *Positive Energy Districts*. An [Info day 1](#) (online) will take place on 10 September 2024. [Further information and details](#)

New ERTRAC Road Transport Vision 2050

On 24 June 2024, ERTRAC adopted a new Road Transport Vision 2050. The document includes five subvisions addressing important societal objectives such as environmental sustainability, efficiency, and resilience. It also outlines the technological, regulatory, and organizational enablers which need to be in place by 2050 to realise the vision. [Further information and download](#)

Transition pathway for a resilient, sustainable and digital aerospace industrial ecosystem

In June 2024, the European Commission launched the transition pathway for the aerospace ecosystem. The policy report includes 53 priority actions to support the twin transitions and the long-term resilience and competitiveness of the aerospace ecosystem. The actions are divided into six building blocks: Regulation and public governance, Resilience, Green transition, Digital transition, Competitiveness, and Social dimension. [Download the document](#)

2024 Cluster Panorama: Findings for a resilient European economy

The ECCP's report gives a comprehensive overview of Europe's growing cluster landscape with approximately 1,200 cluster organisations (EU27). Members are SMEs for 83%. It states, amongst others, that *"regions with clusters in the Mobility-Transport-Automotive (MTA) ecosystems perform better in relation to the transition challenges of this ecosystem than regions without clusters."* [Download the Cluster Panorama 2024](#)


Canada joins Horizon Europe programme

Canada associates to the Pillar II of Horizon Europe, which funds collaborative research projects. Canadian entities can now join and lead research consortia they will get the opportunity to be funded directly from the programme, while Canada will contribute to its budget. [Further information](#)


Agenda

IAA³ 17-22 September 2024 | Hanover (Germany)

IAA Transportation | [Further information](#)

 **AFPC** 25 – 26 September 2024 | Strasbourg (France)


Cluster Collaboration Lab | organised by ECCP and AFPC/PVF | [Further information and registration](#)

 1 – 2 October 2024 | Montbéliard (France)

Hydrogen Business For Climate | co-organised by Pôle Véhicule du Futur | [Further information and registration](#)

CIVITAS 1 – 3 October 2024 | Parma (Italy)

CIVITAS Forum 2024 | [Further information and registration](#)


 1 – 3 October 2024 | Strasbourg (France)

European Mobility Expo | organised by GIE Objective transport public | [Further information](#)

👉 8 - 9 October 2024 | Stuttgart (Germany)

hy-fcell International Expo and Conference | co-

organised by e-Mobil/Cluster Electric Mobility South-West | [Further information](#)

 10. Oktober 2024 | Stuttgart (Germany)

Automotive Suppliers' Day Baden-Württemberg | co-organised by e-Mobil/Cluster Electric Mobility South-West | [Further information](#)



13 - 14 November 2024 | Heilbronn (Germany)

Clusters meet Regions in Heilbronn | organised by ECCP and WFG Heilbronn | [Further information to come](#)



18 – 22 November 2024 | Brussels (Belgium)

European Hydrogen Week | organised by Hydrogen Europe and Clean Hydrogen Partnership | [Further information](#)



26 - 27 November 2024 | Barcelona (Spain) & online

Battery Innovation Days (BID) | organized by Batteries Europe, Battery 2030+ and BEPA | [Further information and registration](#)



11 – 13 February 2025 | Brussels (Belgium)


RTR Conference 2025 | organised by 2ZERO, CCAM, ERTRAC, EC | [Further information](#)



13 – 15 May 2025 | Ispra (Italy)

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