

## The President's Foreword

Dear all,

2025 has been a challenging period for the automotive industry, and we all are committed to support our members and the whole ecosystem in becoming more competitive and resilient. Cooperation allows building strengths and synergies or defending joint positions towards public institutions. That's why EACN participates in the elaboration of ECA (European Cluster Alliance) Position Papers on the next generation of cluster services and support mechanisms, to be prepared as part of the ECA Cluster Conference 2025 in Madrid in December. Clusters are important drivers of growth and need the financial and operational backing to be able to support members and especially SMEs.

EACN is growing, and the North Hungarian Automotive Cluster and Food Technologies Digitalization Lithuania joined our network in the past months. You'll find below a short introduction of both clusters.

This newsletter also presents four new European projects with EACN participation that will offer various OpenCalls in the next years, two new Euroclusters and two new I3 projects. All projects are at the very beginning, and further detailed information, e.g. on OpenCalls, will be published in time to promote a participation.

This year is already coming to its end, and the Executive Board members wish you some restful and peaceful days with your families and friends.

Yours

**Bruno Grandjean**, President

## Save the date !



**General Assembly 2026**

**20 Janvier 2026 | 09h00 – 11h00 CET**  
**online**

The General Assembly will be followed by a round table about the situation of the automotive industry in different European regions!

## Welcome to our new members

### NOHAC – North Hungarian Automotive Cluster

The [North Hungarian Automotive Cluster](#) (NOHAC) represents the community of automotive suppliers in the Northern Hungary region, aiming to strengthen their competitiveness and innovation capacity. Established in late 2006 and operating as an accredited cluster since 2014, NOHAC currently has around 71 member companies employing more than 19,500 people, with a combined turnover of approximately €4.6 billion and their export sales are over € 3.6 billion.

The cluster brings together companies mainly active in metal and plastic processing, design, engineering, and certification services, promoting cooperation among SMEs and large enterprises. Its mission is to support innovation, knowledge sharing, and the development of supplier networks that connect regional SMEs more closely to European automotive manufacturers.



*László Fükő, chairman, and Tamás Csabai, Cluster Manager at NOHAC*

In April 2025, NOHAC joined the European Automotive Cluster Network (EACN) to strengthen its international collaborations and contribute to joint European initiatives in green transition, digitalization, and sustainable industry development.

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## Food Technologies Digitalization Lithuania

The Cluster [Food Technologies Digitalization Lithuania](#) (FTD LT) joined EACN in September 2025 as first associated member.

FTD LT gathers 18 members from Lithuania, but also from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, and Latvia. The cluster drives innovation, sustainability and growth through cross-sectoral collaboration. The main goals are

to increase the integration of digital technologies in the field of food engineering,

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- to increase the production and export of digital technology products for the food industry,
- to create preconditions for the development of human resources of the cluster members in the field of food engineering industry (digitization).



PhD Vaidas Liesenė, Chairman of FTD LT in front of a food trailer

The cluster's axis combines metal and food engineering products, stainless steel equipment for processing and transport, digital solutions and R&D activities in design and engineering. Thereby, the cluster delivers customized solutions that help food producers improve efficiency and meet international standards. The link with automotive & transport mainly resides in the development and production of trailers for food transport.

FTD LT benefits from two projects with co-funding from the European Union to develop the cluster and its members.

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## Insight EACN

### EACN present at the ECA Conference 2025



The 1st edition of the European Clusters Alliance (ECA) Conference 2025 will take place on 10-11 December 2025 in Madrid. The conference will bring together

high-level policymakers from the European Commission, the European Parliament, national and regional cluster agencies, cluster organisations and project consortia from across Europe to focus on improving cluster services and policy frameworks in alignment with the new European priorities — notably the new MMF programme and the Competitiveness Fund.

The Conference will be the main networking event for the European cluster community in 2025, offering plenaries, co-creation labs, thematic visits and consortium meetings. Participants will actively discuss and co-design proposals for the future cluster service landscape and help shape a new set of public support mechanisms to be proposed to public authorities across Europe.

EACN has been invited to contribute to upcoming ECA Conference in Madrid on 10 & 11 December. EACN Secretary General Thomas Röhr will participate in the panel discussion on 'Industrial Transition Pathways & instruments' and to the development of ECA Position Papers. These Position Papers aim at steering the ongoing negotiations of the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

[Information about the conference and registration.](#)

### EACN meets SA&AM

On 29 October, EACN SG Thomas Röhr has been on a workshop of the Erasmus+ [SCABEE Project](#) in Gliwice. This was a perfect opportunity to visit the headquarter of Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing Cluster. SA&AM is member of EACN since 2017.

A great thank to Ewa Dudzic-Widera (EU Projects) and Magdalena Cader (Communication) for welcoming me and for the short but rich exchanges about future directions of cooperation and the transformation of and innovation in the European automotive industry.



Magdalena Cader, Thomas Röhr and Ewa Dudzic-Widera at the SA&AM Headquarter

At the same time, Cluster Manager Łukasz Górecki participated in several ECCP Matchmaking events in Asia to network and initiate new collaborations.

## Focus on the new Eurocluster and I3 Projects with EACN participation



On 15 October, [16 new Euroclusters](#) selected from the 2025 Euroclusters call have been published. Out of 16 selected projects, **EACN members are part of two consortia, both in Strand 1 'Net-zero technologies and critical raw materials': RESIST II & JEWEL.**

### Resist II – REsilience through Sustainable processes and production for the European automotive InduStrY (Eurocluster)

RESIST II is following the successful RESIST I project. The **consortium** gathers five EACN members – **CEAGA Galician Automotive and Mobility Cluster (Coordinator, ES)**, Pôle Véhicule du Futur (FR), autoklastr (CZ), Polish Automotive Group (PL), and the Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster (UA) – as well as the Automotive Technology Centre of Galicia CTAG (ES).



**RESIST**

The main objective of RESIST II is to support SMEs from the Mobility, Transport and Automotive ecosystem in their green and digital transition as well as to increase their level of resilience. The project mobilises €1.6M in cascade funding, supporting SMEs developing innovation projects in the fields of net-zero technologies and critical raw materials. RESIST II will strengthen their competitiveness by promoting innovation and the adoption of new technologies.

#### Upcoming activities:

- **December 2025 - Launch of the Expression of Interest Call:** At least 30 SMEs from the MTA ecosystem will be selected and receive guided support for their resilience check, individual assessment and roadmap design and networking activities that will help them submit better applications in the innovation open calls.
- **May 2026 – Launch of the Innovation open calls (FSTP):** Two open calls will be launched at the same time: one focused on process innovations and other focused on product and service innovations. SMEs will be able to receive up to €30,000 per call, with a maximum of €60,000 if they participate in both funding schemes. Co-funded innovation projects shall not last more than 9 months. The total budget for all open calls is €1.6M.

More info on the [project website](#).

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### JEWEL – Joint nEtWork for European net-zero manufacturing Leadership (Eurocluster)

Clust-ER MECH, the manufacturing and automotive cluster for Emilia-Romagna (Italy), is a key partner in the recently launched JEWEL Eurocluster project. Launched on 1 October 2025, JEWEL unites 8 partners from 7 countries. Its core mission is to accelerate the deployment of Net Zero Technologies in industry, aligning with the European Green Deal and the Net Zero Industry Act.

The **consortium** is led by Pôle MecaTech (BE) and is composed of CIMES (FR), EVOLUMA (PL), Pool-Net (PT), GREENTECH LATVIA (LV), Clust-ER Meccatronica e Motoristica (IT), Oy Merinova (FI), and Pôle EMC2 (FR).

**Funding and Opportunities for SMEs:** JEWEL will support businesses through "factories of projects," connecting technological SMEs with challenges set by major European industrial players to foster innovative collaboration. The project features nearly €2 million in direct funding for SMEs, focusing on the critical sectors of Defense, Energy-Intensive Industries, and Mobility. This funding will be distributed **through three different open calls across two main mechanisms:**

- **Flagship Projects** - These are designed for more technological projects with a higher budget. This call is set to open in Autumn 2026.
- **Innovation Projects** - These focus on projects with high impact. This mechanism will have two distinguished opening periods: the first in Spring 2026 and the second in Spring 2027.

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### Other interesting Euroclusters without EACN participation

Two further Euroclusters have a potential interest for companies from the automotive ecosystem:

- **GREEN MANTIS:** Helping manufacturing SMEs adopt and scale up net-zero technologies across Europe.
- **MAT4EU:** Fostering innovation in advanced materials to support EU strategic autonomy.



## IH-MIE – Interregional Hydrogen Mobility Initiative for Europe (I3)

Autoklastr (CZ), CEAGA (ES), Mobicov (PT), and NextMove (FR) are



members of the Interregional Hydrogen Mobility Initiative for Europe (IH-MIE) consortium, a €6 million project co-funded by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) of the European Commission under the Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3) call.

Led by Fundación CTAG – Centro Tecnológico de Automoción de Galicia, the 19 project partners aim at driving hydrogen mobility adoption, reducing regional disparities, and empowering SMEs in the green transition. A Hydrogen Mobility Interregional Hub will foster cooperation, investment, and innovation. The project will support **30 SMEs with funding, mentoring, and training**, with **7 leading pilot projects** to scale hydrogen use cases. IH-MIE strengthens competitiveness, decarbonises transport, and aligns with the EU Green Deal. The project kicked-off end of October. [Further information](#).

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## Open Calls

### Project SCAIRA | 3rd Open Call

The 3rd Open Call of the SCAIRA project –



Interreg SUDOE is now open, targeting tech startups from southern France, Portugal, and Spain (up to 10 years old) and innovative ideas in automotive sustainability. Selected participants will benefit from six months of specialized mentorship, technical and legal support, and hands-on workshops addressing real-world challenges presented by HORSE Aveiro, Airbus, and Renault Group Spain. Application deadline is 16 January 2026 (17h00 CET). [Further information](#)

Two further Euroclusters are of potential interest for automotive SMEs. Also, Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) projects, focusing on digital and green transitions, smart manufacturing, and strategic areas bringing innovation close to market, gain in attractivity. **Two projects where EACN members participate, have been recently awarded funding: IH-MIE and Bridge&Shift.**

## Bridge & Shift – Bridge the Gap & Shift to Progress (I3)

Bridge & Shift is a European interregional cooperation project that strengthens collaboration and knowledge exchange between advanced and less-developed automotive regions to accelerate industrial transformation. The project brings together EACN members **CAAR (ES), Transformotive (DE), autoklastr (coordinator, CZ) and East Automotive Alliance (PL)** as well as MSIC (CZ), INOVATO Cluster (SK) and EIT Manufacturing East (AT).



The project focuses on transferring best practices, building capacity in SMEs, and developing regional action plans and strategic roadmaps that support the shift toward green, digital, and resilient manufacturing. Through joint learning, policy alignment, and practical implementation, B&S aims to create a blueprint for how European regions can bridge development gaps and collectively drive the transition toward the future of mobility. [Further information](#).

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## Upcoming events from EACN Members

### Hydrogen Business For Climate Forum | 04 December 2025 | Belfort (France)

Co-organised by Pôle Véhicule du Futur, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Hydrogen Business For Climate Forum is under the motto 'Safe & Scale - Secure and accelerate'. The forum gathers experts, academics and exhibitors around round tables, a marketplace, an exhibition, B2B MatchMaking and continuous networking. [Further information and registration](#)



Webinar DRIVING INNOVATION III: Autonomous Driving Test Environments | 29 January 2026



This webinar is part of the **Interreg Central Europe** project [\*\*Drive2Transform\*\*](#) with participation of Cluster Mobility & Logistics and SA&AM. It focuses on **Autonomous Driving Test Environments** and their role in developing, validating, and deploying future mobility technologies.

Experts provide insights into testing infrastructures, safety validation, and European collaboration frameworks for autonomous driving. [Further information and registration.](#)

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**Save the dates: International Automotive Forum & Bulgarian EDIH Automotive Cluster event | 20 & 21 May 2026**



Automotive Cluster Bulgaria invites clusters and companies to join

- the **International Automotive Forum** on 20 May 2026 will bring together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders to explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in the automotive sector,
- an **event focusing exclusively on European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH)**, featuring presentations, expert discussions, and networking opportunities for organizations engaged in digital transformation, on 21 May 2026.

Both events are organised by AC Bulgaria and will take place in Sofia.

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## Members' lounge

## News from CEAGA

**40 professionals participated in an open innovation workshop**

More than 40 top-level professionals participated in the open innovation workshop organised by CEAGA on October 14, 2025. This workshop is part of the "Leading the Transformation in the Automotive Sector" series of conferences and focused on optimising operations and leadership in changing environments. Participating companies were able to acquire tools to strengthen their operational resilience and confidently address the industry's current challenges.

The workshop programme included high-level conferences focused on five key topics for the future of the sector, delivered by experts from the consulting firm PwC: New Mobility; Talent; Green Factory; Digital Transformation, and Artificial Intelligence. Finally, Pedro Alberto Gómez, PwC Innovation Partner, closed the session with a conference on the importance of innovation in rethinking the industry.

In addition, the workshop included a group work session, in which the participating companies outlined the roadmap for strengthening the competitiveness of the Galician automotive and mobility ecosystem.

This event was funded by the Galician Institute for Economic Promotion (IGAPE) of the Galician government.

## Great success in the first edition of MIG2025 - Mobility Innovation Galicia

300 executives from Galicia's automotive and mobility ecosystem participated in the first edition of MIG2025 – Mobility Innovation Galicia, organised by CEAGA to promote innovation as a driver of competitiveness and unity within the sector.



Full house at the MIG2025 event organised by CEAGA

The meeting had three objectives: to strengthen the value chain, promote innovation generated in Galicia, and attract qualified talent to the sector. General managers, innovation managers, purchasing managers, and sales managers from the cluster's companies participated, consolidating this event as a benchmark for knowledge exchange and business collaboration.

During the event, attendees were able to see first-hand the most advanced technological solutions developed in Galicia at the Demo Experience, a space where startups from the Business Factory Auto accelerator and various technology companies from the Cluster showcased their innovative projects. More than 100 B2B meetings and networking activities were also held, aimed at strengthening strategic alliances and promoting high-value collaborative projects. [Event video](#).

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Ukrainian Automotive & Mobility Forum



On 17 November, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ukrainian Automotive & Mobility Forum, organised by the UAMC, took place in Lviv. The event was again a great opportunity to bring together industry leaders, innovators, policymakers, and international partners from across Ukraine and Europe for a full day of inspiring keynotes, in-depth panel discussions, and high-impact networking.

In Ukraine, the automotive industry stands as a symbol of resilience, innovation, and future potential. This year's forum focuses on Resilience, Innovation, and Investment — spotlighting how Ukraine's automotive and mobility sector continues to evolve even under the most challenging circumstances.

EACN President Bruno Grandjean had the honour to hold one of the keynote speeches in the opening plenary session on 'Accelerating Ukraine's Mobility Future: Policy, Partnership & Industrial Transformation'.

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## Polish automotive clusters contributing to the TOP Automotive Conference

During the TOP Automotive 2025 conference under the motto 'The power of transformation', all four Polish automotive clusters, representing the Forum of Polish Automotive Clusters, participated in a round table on the importance of clusters in building business ecosystems that connect people, technologies and companies in the joint development of the industry.



Panel round of the Forum of Polish Automotive Clusters at the TOP Automotive 2025

Moderated by Ryszard Jania (East Automotive Alliance), the panellists were

- Jakub Binkowski (Lower Silesia Automotive Cluster DKM)
- Aleksander Grabski (East Automotive Alliance)
- Bartosz Mielecki (Polish Automotive Group)
- Luk Palmen (Silesia Automotive & Advanced Manufacturing)

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## CIAC Talent Show

In 2025, CIAC organised again a very successful Automotive Talent Show. The event brought together more than 1 000 people at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, surpassing attendance figures from previous years. Leading companies in the sector conducted hundreds of speed interviews to attract the professionals of the future. One of the most anticipated moments was the CIAC Talent Awards ceremony, which this year received **over 210 entries**. Finalists pitched their projects in an elevator pitch before an expert jury. In the afternoon, the awards were presented - each worth 1,000 euros - across five categories: Company,

Cybersecurity, Sustainability, Strategy, and Guest Country. [Read more](#).



Winners of the CIAC Talent Awards

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## Networking in Asia: SA&AM participation in four overseas ECCP MatchMaking sessions

The SA&AM Cluster was selected to participate in four international matchmaking missions organized by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) in cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) – to the United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Taiwan (Taipei), India (New Delhi), and Vietnam (Hanoi). This was an exceptional distinction – only selected clusters from across Europe received invitations to these events, aimed at strengthening cooperation between European and non-European industrial ecosystems. Each mission focused on different aspects of industrial transformation and the green economy.

In Dubai, the delegation took part in the World Green Economy Summit 2025 and the WETEX industry fair, where the latest solutions in renewable energy, water management, and environmental technologies were presented. B2B meetings enabled the establishment of contacts with clusters and companies from the Middle East, which were increasingly investing in green technologies and low-emission industries.



ECCP MatchMaking Event Taiwan

Taiwan, one of the world's leaders in the technological economy – the mission in Taipei, organized alongside the TAITRONICS & IoT Taiwan electronics fair and the

EU Innovation Week in Taipei, focused on electronics, semiconductors, intelligent industrial solutions, and opportunities for cooperation in modern mobility.

In India, as part of the Renewable Energy India Expo, the priority was to develop partnerships in the clean-energy sector and the industry of the future. It also provided an opportunity to promote the investment offering of the Silesian region as a gateway to cooperation with the European market.

Vietnam, a rapidly developing market in the fields of industry and logistics, becoming an important European partner in next-generation supply chains. The mission to Hanoi was organized during the Vietnam Industrial & Manufacturing Fair.



Łukasz Górecki, SA&AM Cluster Manager, presents his cluster at the Vietnam ECCP MatchMaking event

For SA&AM, participation in the ECCP missions had strategic importance. It enabled the building of an international brand and the strengthening of relations with clusters outside Europe, supported the internationalization of SA&AM member companies, and promoted the Silesian region as an attractive investment location. Presenting its industrial potential, technological competencies, and the innovation ecosystem created by the Katowice Special Economic Zone and SA&AM served as strong arguments for foreign partners interested in developing activities in Poland.

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## ZONE Cluster is rapidly growing its training portfolio and seeking international partners

The **ZONE Cluster Innovation & Training Academy**, together with its strategic knowledge partner **Centre for Modern Education (CFME)** and international collaborators, launched several new training programmes. Firmly committed to supporting Europe's green, digital and fair transition, all courses are designed to help different stakeholders – especially those in mobility and automotive – overcome the challenges of this twin transition. Main topics include: **Digital Twins, ESG, EV safety and awareness, and Young Female Entrepreneurs in STEM**.

ZONE Cluster is looking for new collaborations and is actively seeking international partners to jointly develop future-ready training programmes.

The flagship course **Digital Twins for Smart Mobility** offers a comprehensive, practice-oriented introduction to the world of digital urban simulation. The course guides participants through the full lifecycle of creating and applying Digital Twins — from modelling multimodal transport networks and integrating sensor-based real-time data, to constructing complex urban simulations and concludes with real-world use cases, including the **Digital Twin platform of the Budapest Centre for Transport (BKK)**.

The **Young Women Entrepreneurs (YWE)** programme aims at inspiring girls aged 16–19 to explore entrepreneurial and technology-oriented careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Through practical workshops, the training develops participants' creativity, problem-solving, and digital skills while challenging them to find solutions to real urban issues. YWE training sessions have been hosted by leading companies such as **Knorr-Bremse, Aumovio, and DIEHL Aviation**, with the support of EIT Urban Mobility.

The **SHIFT** educational project has been designed to provide practical knowledge in two key areas:

- **ESG knowledge in business** emphasizes that ESG is an essential part of a company's strategy and product development. Participants explore the full scope of ESG from the latest regulations and reporting requirements to its tangible impact on HR and innovation processes.
- **EV-PROTECT** equips participants with the essential knowledge to ensure safety, awareness, and efficiency when working with or around high-voltage electric vehicles to prevent workplace accidents and injuries. The course combines theoretical insights with practical guidance.

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## News from GIZ AC Slovenia

*At the business conference, we discussed about artificial intelligence.*

The GREMO Business Conference 2025 was dedicated to Artificial Intelligence (AI) as one of the most important inventions of the 21st century. The event was an opportunity to discover and discuss where AI is already used successfully, what opportunities it offers for the future, and where the challenges and pitfalls of its use lie.

Tanja Mohorič, Director of SRIP ACS+ stated in her introduction that various types of innovation play an important role in the automotive transition, including AI, which is undoubtedly changing the world as it is present in all aspects of our lives. Nevertheless, she believes that this technology will not replace humans but is and will remain only a tool to make their work easier.



Participants at the GREMO Business Conference 2025

## *SRIP ACS+ present at a UNIDO professional meeting*

Director Tanja Mohorič and Strategic Projects Coordinator Rok Ban attended a professional meeting of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in October 2025. Together with more than 100 participants, they explored how clusters can adapt and develop to face the challenges of digitalization, green transformation, and the current shift in global supply chains. The meeting included three thematic sessions focusing on cluster dynamics, management, and support mechanisms.



SRIP ACS+ at the UNIDO professional meeting

Participants presented selected case studies, showcasing innovative approaches. ACS emphasized the importance of building partnerships based on trust during times of transition. India's Green Threads presented the transformation of textile recycling using circular economy principles. Austria's Green Tech Valley highlighted the promotion of innovation and cooperation for green growth. The Argentine cluster Cordoba focused on researching the impact of artificial intelligence on competitiveness. [Read more](#).

## *Innovation Day 2025 exploring the world of modern automotive manufacturing*

The Innovation Day 2025 international conference, organized by SRIP ACS+ in collaboration with SRIP Top

Tovarne prihodnosti, the Jožef Stefan Institute, and EIT Manufacturing, brought together experts, researchers, and leading industry representatives from across Europe. Participants explored key trends and technologies, shaping the future of automotive manufacturing. This year's conference focused on advanced manufacturing technologies for the automotive industry. The all-day event, divided into four sections, hosted various experts from Slovenia and abroad. It brought together key areas of advanced manufacturing through a comprehensive overview of emerging technologies, industrial challenges, and innovation pathways that together shape the future of the automotive industry. This gave experts and the wider public an insight into the latest trends, knowledge, innovations, and industrial case studies—from pioneering achievements in automotive manufacturing to the use of artificial intelligence and robotic concepts.

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## AI skills for everyone: Regensburg launches first AI Driver's License for citizens

The aim of this innovative learning platform is to raise awareness of artificial intelligence (AI) in a playful, easy-to-understand, and practical way. The focus is on specific everyday applications with strong links to the region, including mobility and smart cities. The Regensburg AI Driver's License was developed as part of the real-world laboratory for urban mobility. [Read more](#).

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## Event review and outlooks from Cluster Electric Mobility South West

**(Review) Automotive Supplier's Day 2025:** This joint event with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg focused on open-source software in the automotive sector and software-defined manufacturing & vehicles. 11 international partners presented themselves as part of the matching fair (see also below contribution from BACC). Planning for next year's event are ongoing: **Save the date: October 21, 2026**, again in Esslingen, Germany.

**(Outlook) Hannover Messe 2026 | 20-24 April 2026:** CESW will attend the Hannover Messe with the THE LÄND pavilion, offering companies and institutions from Baden-Württemberg the opportunity to present their products and technologies internationally, increase their visibility and establish new partnerships.

We are looking forward to welcoming our international partners and engaging again in exchanges with you.

### (Outlook) Battery Show Europe 2026 | 9-11 June 2026:

Taking place again in Stuttgart, CESW will be for the first time present with an own Pavillion where 12 network partners from Baden-Württemberg get the opportunity to present themselves with their battery solutions. CESW will also organise guided tours and receptions at the booth. Interested? Get in touch with CESW.

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## BACC participation at e-Mobil bw's Automotive Supplier Day 2025

Baltic Automotive Component Cluster **participated in the Automotive Supplier's Day 2025** in October, a joint annual event of e-Mobil bw with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg.



Diana Gedminčė, BACC Managing Director (middle), at the Automotive Supplier Day

The lithuanian IoT company [Teltonika](#), member of BACC who recently opened their Munich office, was present at the national stand. The participation led to very fruitful networking discussions with other attending companies and opened great networking opportunities with Canadian and Dutch representatives of clusters and innovation networks.

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## Podkarpackie Science and Innovation Festival 2025

East Automotive Alliance participated mid-November at the Podkarpackie Science and Innovation Festival (PFNI 2025) in Jasionka/ Rzeszów. EAA shared a joint booth with the Podkarpackie Marshal's Office, where the "Car of Podkarpackie powered by EU Funds" has been exhibited, featuring a vehicle model created by

local automotive companies, showcased their innovative capabilities. Hundreds of mainly young visitors explored the region's scientific potential and the achievements of engineers from key local industries, especially automotive and aviation.



*The Podkarpacie Car*

During an innovation pitching session, together with Hutchinson and Pilkington, EAA President Ryszard Jania discussed modern vocational training based on the previous PAMISZ project). As a result, a modernisation of the "Podkarpacie Car" is engaged; the engagement of many regional automotive firms was greatly appreciated.

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## Project corner

### Project TRIREME | Results

The TRIREME project's **Skills Cards** outline emerging and evolving job roles in the automotive sector, detailing required competencies and links to EQF (European Qualifications Framework) and ESCO classifications. They support companies in recruitment and training, help providers update curricula, and guide policymakers in aligning education with labour market needs. Students, workers, and jobseekers gain clarity on career paths and required skills. Find out more about the [Skills Cards](#) and the [TRIREME courses](#).

The consortium, including EACN members Mobicov and East Automotive Alliance, also released the second deliverable "Sectoral Skills Intelligence – Release I" (D2.2) that presents a comprehensive study highlighting the main challenges facing the automotive-mobility ecosystem in late 2024 and throughout 2025. It also explores the implications of these challenges for skills and occupational profiles. [Read more](#).

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## Other information

### European Cluster Alliance for Green Manufacturing launched

On 11 September 2025, seven leading European clusters officially launched the [European Cluster Alliance for Green Manufacturing](#), a bold initiative to accelerate the green and digital transformation of European industry.



The founding members include:

-  [Green Tech Cluster Latvia](#) (Latvia)
-  [POOL-NET - Cluster Engineering & Tooling](#) (Portugal)
-  [CIMES](#) (France)
-  [Evoluma Klaster Przemysłowy, dawniej Klaster Obróbki Metali](#) (Poland)
-  [Pôle EMC2](#) (France)
-  [Pôle MecaTech](#) (Belgium)
-  EACN Member [Clust-ER Meccatronica e Motoristica](#) (Italy)

The Alliance aims to serve as a dynamic collaboration platform, bringing together industrial clusters to

-  exchange knowledge and best practices
-  stimulate joint project development
-  support SMEs in the green transition
-  contribute to EU policy dialogues

### How buy-European rules can help save Europe's car industry

Centre for European Reform, Hertie School and Bertelsmann published a Policy Brief with a proposition for a new European-wide EV support scheme on a carbon-based scoring system that limits subsidies to EV models produced in low-emission supply chains, thus prioritising European-made vehicles, and apply it to households and corporate fleets. [Access the document](#).

## Agenda

 26-27 November 2025 | Regensburg (Germany)  
**Clusters Meet Regions Regensburg** | organised by ECCP and Cluster Logistics & Mobility | [Further information](#)

 2-3 December 2025 | Graz (Austria) & online  
**Battery Innovation Days** | Organised by BEPA & Batt4EU | [Further information and registration](#)

 04 December 2025 | Belfort (France)  
**Forum Hydrogen Business For Climate: Safe & Scale - Secure and accelerate** | co-organised by Pôle Véhicule du Futur | [Further information and registration](#)

 10-11 December 2025 | Madrid (Spain)  
**ECA Conference 2025** | organised by the European Cluster Alliance | [Further information and registration](#)

 15 December 2025 | Paris (France)  
**AUGMENTED CCAM Final Event** | Organised by CCAM | [Further information and registration](#)

 10-12 February 2026 | Brussels (Belgium)  
**RTR Conference 2026** | Organised by 2Zero, Ertrac, CCAM & EC | [Further information](#)

 18-21 May 2026 | Budapest (Hungary)  
**Transport Research Arena (TRA) 2026** | [Further information](#)

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