Interview with Fazilet Cinaralp, European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association (ETRMA) Secretary General

In this issue, we spoke with Fazilet Cinaralp about the challenges and opportunities for the tyre and rubber sector, including the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the adaptation to digital and green transitions and how these relate to the investment in re-skilling and up-skilling.

"This is an opportunity for the European Industry to secure right kind of future talent and so it is a strategic issue, particularly as these will be essential to ensure that the industry can progress towards its full recovery and general sustainability and competitiveness."

Follow the link to read the full interview.

DRIVES’ News

Follow our most recent report to find out what we have been up to recently!
DRIVES and ALBATTS projects workshop at the European Week of Regions and Cities 2020

The DRIVES and ALBATTS, two ERASMUS+ blueprint projects, have organised, on the 13th of October, a workshop focused on the exploitation of their results, so far. The event aimed at stimulating a debate between the project team and regional representatives on future educational needs in the automotive and battery industries, safeguarding the future of local communities that depend on these industrial activities. The session includes a discussion on initiatives currently being conducted by regional stakeholders (the Stuttgart region, DE and the municipality of Skellefteå, SE). These identified trends in innovation aiming to support the introduction of low-carbon economies, the energy transition, intelligent transport systems, and automated and connected vehicles.

Regions are a major stakeholder in this equation. They often have discretionary power over policy strategies and funding impacting these industries as well on VET skills policy. The two ERASMUS blueprint projects – DRIVES and ALBATTS, are crucial pieces for guiding skills full readiness of the automotive sector, involving regional entities.

Regions described their role in promoting excellence and a skilled workforce in these sectors.
You can watch the full recording of the session here.

Save-the-Date: DRIVES High-Level Conference on "The future of workforce in the automotive industry"
Due to COVID the promoters (European Commission and the DRIVES project) had to postpone the conference to early 2021.
We will soon inform all interested participants about the exact date and when to register at https://www.automotive-skills.eu.

Pact for Skills Joint Proposal
DRIVES partnership is proud to be at the forefront of a game changer movement of automotive stakeholders to jointly establish the Skills Alliance that is paving the way to an Automotive Pact for Skills. The ambition is to actively support and enable up-/re-skilling of 5% of workforce every year inspiring private and public responsible cooperation. The goal is to bring coherence in updating intelligence on skills needs and guiding education providers to accelerate the teaching of the workforce in the European automotive ecosystem as part of the overarching transformation of the sector.
The joint proposal provides the strategic path for massively scaling-up trainings in Europe under one EU-wide framework built on the DRIVES project outcomes and other projects/education programmes that are funded and implemented on national/regional/private level (e.g. ALBATTS Project). This comprehensive approach also contributes to a smart recovery strategy of the European automotive ecosystem which is in line with the foreseen sectorial Pacts for Skills to be established by the Commission in November 2020.
DRIVES webinars @ European Vocational Skills Week

During the last quarter of 2020 the DRIVES project is organising five webinars, sponsored by the European Vocational and Skills Week 2020, covering the four main topics the work packages have been working on. At the webinars we will present the latest results of the project and reinforce the interaction with stakeholders to enhance the quality of the DRIVES' achievements.

The topics:

- Skills Intelligence in Automotive Sector - 20th October 2020
- DRIVES Framework for Education and Training in Automotive Sector - 21th October 2020
- Setting up of Apprenticeships in the automotive sector - 29th October 2020
- Apprentices engagement - 3rd November 2020
- Job Roles in future Automotive Sector - 2nd December 2020

To register click the link.

Stay tuned via the DRIVES website and other media channels for
more news!

EU News

New rules on cleaner and safer cars start to apply across Europe

This new regulation, that has come into force on August 2020, significantly overhauls and tightens the previous type approval and market surveillance system.

Interactive map: Electric vehicle purchase incentives per country in Europe (2020 update)

This map demonstrates the correlation between the market uptake of electrically-chargeable vehicles (ECVs) and the availability of purchase incentives to stimulate ECV sales (in 2020) for each of the 27 member states of the European Union and the United Kingdom.

Employment in the EU automotive industry

The automotive sector provides direct and indirect jobs to 14.6 million Europeans, representing 6.7% of total EU employment.

Smart Systems, The Smart Choice?

Advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) such as lane change assist have the potential to significantly increase safety in commercial vehicles. But, are smart systems really the smart choice?
Events

- **iVT Expo 2020**, Köln Messe, Germany, 14-15 October, 2020
- **Automotive Expo Sofia**, Sofia, Bulgaria, 15-18 October, 2020
- **Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Technology Expo 2020**, Messe Stuttgart, Germany, 15-17 October, 2020
- **Green Auto Summit 2020**, Stuttgart, Germany, 19-20 October, 2020
- **DRIVES webinar on Skills Intelligence in Automotive Sector**, 20 October 2020
- **Global Automotive Components and Suppliers**, Messe Stuttgart, Germany, 10-12 November 2020
- **International EV Batteries 2020**, United Kingdom, 10-12 November 2020
- **Automotive Summit**, Online, 11-13 November 2020
- **Agile Automotive Engineering Summit 2020**, 25-27 November 2020
- **AUTO:CODE 2020**, 30 November to 1 December 2020
- **DRIVES webinar on Job Roles in future Automotive Sector**, Maritim proArte
- **6th E-Mobility Charging Infrastructure**, Maritim proArte
- **IndustryForum Automotive 2020**, 1-2 December 2020
Hotel Berlin, Germany, 21-23 October, 2020

- DRIVES webinar on Setting up of Apprenticeships in the automotive sector, 29 October 2020

- DRIVES webinar on Apprentices engagement, 3 November 2020

- Future of Automotive Interiors Conference 2020, Messe Stuttgart, Germany, 10-12 November 2020

- Automotive Interiors Expo Europe 2020, Messe Stuttgart, Germany, 10 - 12 November, 2020

- and DRIVES project training offer, 2 December 2020

- Battery Cells & Systems Expo 2020, United Kingdom, 2-3 December 2020

- The Advanced Materials Show, United Kingdom, 2-3 December 2020

- Automotive Production Summit 2020, Munich Trade Fair Center North, Germany, 7 December 2020

- European Electric Vehicle Batteries Summit 2020, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 9-10 December 2020

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