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### INTERVIEW



**Dr. Sabine Stütze-Leinmüller**

**Interview with Dr. Sabine Stütze-Leinmüller, Head of the Skilled Workers Division of the Stuttgart Region Economic Development Corporation.**

In this issue Dr. Sabine Stütze-Leinmüller talks about the effects of the pandemic in the Stuttgart Region, based in the federal state of Baden-Württemberg, one of the major automotive clusters in Europe. The Region has implemented a series of good practice measures to contain the impact on the industry. Notwithstanding the measures, she underlined the importance of keeping investing in future and emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, hydrogen and alternative fuels and batteries.

[Click here](#) to read the full interview.

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# DRIVES' News

## **DRIVES Learning Platform is growing!**

The training materials available are a direct result of the work of WP3 and WP4 in identifying the automotive industry needs in reskilling / upskilling, stemming from the sector after new mobility dynamics and automotive industrial transformations. So far 729 people have registered to attend 23 training courses (MOOCs) online, with 5 more courses to be uploaded. Visit the [DRIVES Learning Platform!](#)

## **DRIVES Apprenticeship Survey 2021 - We want to hear from you!**

We invite you to [answer our short survey](#) to support the future-proofing of skills and allow the EU automotive workforce to continue to compete on a global scale. The results will inform the Good Practise Resource and also a Marketplace report due later in the year.

## **Publication of the Automotive Skills Strategic Roadmap**

Recently we released an updated version of the [Automotive Skills Strategic Roadmap](#), confirming that the roadmap is on the right path. The eight Key Areas show that stakeholders involved in the supply chain of the Automotive sector and VET providers, offering training and services for them, drive in a similar direction, but with significant difference.



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### **AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS AGENDA STRATEGY & ROADMAP**

Deliverable 2.10  
Automotive Skills strategic Roadmap – Second release  
December 2020

## **Launch of the AMBASSADORS4SKILLS&JOBS Programme**

At the national level, IDESCOM, as one of the Portuguese partners of the DRIVES Project, has launched this Programme and platform, at national level, to promote qualifications and training opportunities in the automotive sector. [Visit the website to know more.](#)

## **Webinar: New competences in the automotive Industry**

In February, the Stuttgart Region, one of the DRIVES associated partners, organised a webinar on *New competences in the automotive Industry*. [Read the conclusions.](#)

## **Webinar: Skills Alliance and the forthcoming e-mobility**

In March, the [DRIVES](#) and [ALBATTIS](#) projects sponsored an event during the Industry Days 2021, under the theme "EU competitiveness in the changing global competitive landscape", on *Skills Alliance and the forthcoming e-mobility – Urging the ecosystem global competitiveness*. Read the conclusions.

## Official launch of the Pact for Skills –Skills Partnership for the Automotive Ecosystem



In November, the Commissioners Nicolas Schmit and Thierry Breton launched the Pact for Skills (P4S), of which DRIVES is a signatory. [DRIVES partners are signatories](#) of the Automotive Skills Alliance that is being developed towards a formal implementation.

### In the near future:

The **Good Practise Resource will be launched in April 2021**. This is an area on the DRIVES web site where we will be showcasing examples of innovative practise as they relate to Apprenticeships. It will include examples of virtual and augmented reality, new ways of embedding knowledge and skills from one country into another, examples of how organisations are improving the gender imbalance in the sector and much more.

Relatedly, in May 2021, we will launch the **Apprenticeship Comparison Tool**, which will allow to compare Apprenticeships between countries. So far, we have data from partners from Spain, Portugal, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic and the United Kingdom, as they relate to engineering and manufacturing in the automotive sector.



[For more information follow our most recent](#) report to find out what we have been up to recently!

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

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# EU's Policy Update

On December 2020, the European Commission presented a [proposal for a regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries](#), repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020.

## European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness: social fairness and resilience

The European Parliament adopted by 606 votes to 12, with 72 abstentions the resolution on [European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience](#).

[Read more here.](#)

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## EU News

### [Interactive map: COVID-19 impact on EU automobile production, full-year 2020](#)

Based on full-year figures for 2020, this map shows the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the production of motor vehicles for each of the 27 EU countries and the UK.

### [EU plotting ban on internal combustion engine as of 2025: industry](#)

The European Commission's proposed Euro 7 emission rules on cars, vans, trucks and buses would amount to "a ban through the back door" of internal combustion engines as of 2025, if implemented in their current form, industry has said, calling the

proposal premature and "completely out of the question".

### [Sales of electric vehicles jump above 10% for first time in Europe](#)

The proportion of electric vehicles sold in the EU more than trebled to 10.5% in 2020 new figures reveal, a sign that EU and national incentives to stimulate demand for zero-emission vehicles are bearing fruit.

### [EU should target 1m EV public chargers by 2024, say carmakers, environmentalists and consumer groups](#)

Carmakers, environmentalists and consumer groups are calling on the EU to set ambitious targets per country for the

deployment of electric vehicle charging points.

### [Photonics21: public-private partnership opens call for proposals for laser-based advanced additive manufacturing technologies](#)

PULSATE targets the greatest impact on potential manufacturing sectors accounting from those with a solid track of use of LBAAM technologies and also from those being currently underrepresented: aerospace (aeronautics), automotive, medical devices, industrial machinery, customised electronics and textile & clothing.

### [The focal role of apprenticeships for the future of work](#)

Apprenticeships can become a driver for recovery and the green and digital transformations, provided some issues of identity and a number of ambiguities are cleared, Cedefop Executive Director Jürgen Siebel told a high-level conference of experts and policy-makers.

### [Central Europe becomes the EU's e-car battery supplier](#)

In late 2020, the value of export of lithium-ion batteries [reached](#) some €400 million a month, and they now account for as much

as 2 percent of all Poland's exports. That amounts to almost a third of European demand for electric vehicle batteries.

### [High-level conference: Quality and effective apprenticeships and international labour standards on apprenticeships](#)

On 15 and 16 March, the European Commission and the International Labour Organization (ILO) hold a joint high-level conference titled 'Quality and effective apprenticeships and international labour standards on apprenticeships'.

### [FEV France selected as part of the "France Relance" plan](#)

FEV France is one of the eight winners of the automotive sector selected as part of the "France Relance" plan initiated by the French government

### [Fuel types of new vans: diesel 92.4%, electric 2.0%, hybrids 0.9% market share in 2020](#)

In 2020, diesel remained the most popular fuel for new light commercial vehicles in the European Union, accounting for 92.4% of the van market.

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# Events

- [Next-Generation Modular EV Platforms 2021](#), 6 to 7 April 2021
- [Batterietagung 2021](#), 27 to 29 April 2021
- [5th Automotive Plastics & Advanced Composites Summit 2021](#), 20 to 21 May 2021
- [Autonomous Vehicles Online 2021](#), 27 to 27 May 2021
- [Automated Driving 2021](#), 8 to 9 June 2021
- [Car of the Future 2021](#), 14 to 15 June 2021
- [Autonomous Vehicle Technology Expo 2021](#), 22 to 23 June 2021
- [European Electric Vehicle Batteries Summit 2021](#), 23 to 24 June 2021
- [Automotive Manufacturing 2021](#), 23 to 26 June 2021
- [International Conference on Mechanical and Automobile Engineering](#), 1 to 3 July 2021
- [28th EuroSPI Conference](#), 1 to 3 September 2021
- [Automechanika Frankfurt 2021](#), 14 to 18 September 2021
- [Automotive Supplier Summit 2021](#), 4 October 2021
- [Automotive Interiors Expo Europe 2021](#), 9 to 11 November 2021
- [Annual Automotive Lightweight Materials Conference 2021](#), 11 to 12 November 2021
- [Tire Cologne 2022](#), 24 to 26 May 2022

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For more information on our project:

