

What we've been working on

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Sectoral Intelligence in the Automotive Sector

In the past months DRIVES partners dealing with Sectoral Intelligence in the Automotive Sector have been preparing the outcomes from the (first) survey to stakeholders (demand survey) focused on the current and future needs in the automotive sector. Partners analysed the survey results that are published in the report 'Insights of the Automotive Sector' – available [here](#).

Following the previous insight, DRIVES project is now working on the second survey (so called "offer survey") to establish the needs and gaps in the automotive sector, specifically mapping the current EU VET offers against the skills needs in the sector. The online questionnaire is open **until the 15th of November** - [link here](#).

Finally, using part of the report 'Insights of the Automotive Sector', the partnership is working on the first release of the Automotive Strategic Roadmap, which will list the upcoming skills and job roles needed in automotive sector. The first release of the strategic roadmap is planned to the first quarter of 2020.

Skills and Trainings Offer

DRIVES partners working on Skills Framework are in charge of developing 30 new job roles within the automotive industry. These job roles will include training material, exercises, exams and official certificates recognized by the DRIVES framework.

At the moment, partners are actively working on 27 different emerging job roles like the "advanced powertrain engineer", the "artificial intelligence expert", "the rubber technologist" and the "automotive engineer". For each job role, a committee is implemented including different partners from DRIVES. A job role committee leader is nominated to coordinate all future activities. Some job roles require completely new development, other are based on already existing material and have to be adapted. At the beginning of December 2019 a face-to-face meeting will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, where all job role committee leaders will present the current status of development.

Skills Transferability

Focusing on Skills Transferability, recent activities have been taken to define the framework context and orientation with respect to existing certification bodies & training providers. The purpose is not competing against existing frameworks but ensuring an empowerment of those frameworks in international context, to enable overall EU skills recognition and mobility of workers in the Automotive sector.

To that aim, ESCO aligned mapping templates for DRIVES job roles in ECQA, SKILLMAN, GESTAMP job role format have been established and a DRIVES business model and value proposition canvas have been conducted.

From the implementation perspective, the SW development team started creating the DRIVES Framework – named DRIVES Compass. A first prototype is planned to be available at the second quarter of 2020.

Apprenticeship Marketplace

DRIVES continue to play a significant contribution to the EU automotive sector's apprenticeship policy discussion. This has included launching the [DRIVES Automotive Apprenticeship Network \(DAAN\)](#) on LinkedIn. DAAN provides a forum through which stakeholders from across the EU's (and wider) automotive sector can share ideas, post examples of good practice and promote upcoming events. We very much hope that our project partners and any interested parties will take this opportunity to join the forum and contribute to the discussion. DRIVES partners in the Apprenticeship Marketplace work package have also had the opportunity to disseminate its apprenticeship activities to two high level EU forums in September and October including the European Alliance for Apprenticeships meeting held in North Macedonia and the [European Week of the Regions workshop](#) held in Brussels. DRIVES is continuing to develop a series of exciting initiatives in the form of a report focusing on different EU automotive sector apprenticeship models, to be launched in December, and preparing for the first Junior [Automotive Apprenticeship Advisory Board \(JA3B\)](#) in February 2020.

DRIVES at the European Week of Regions and Cities 2019

On the 9th of October, at the European Week of Regions and Cities, the DRIVES consortium presented, to a diverse audience, the project goals and the role of the regional partners that are a key part of it. The event, organised by the Municipality of Mangualde, was a 90-minute workshop, moderated by DG GROW, where representatives from the Municipality, VSB, CLEPA, SEMTA and two regions, and Moravia-Silesia addressed the latest news regarding the projects' results and how regions position themselves to use this information to improve their regional development and local policies.