

European Skills Agenda: project DRIVES at the core of automotive skills priority

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The European Commission adopted on 1 July the Communication on a ‘European Skills Agenda for Sustainable Competitiveness, Social Fairness and Resilience’. That is a much-welcomed step towards the implementation of the demand for up- and re-skilled labour force for the automotive sector.

In a [letter](#) addressed to Commissioner Nicolas Schmit, the four automotive sector associations steering the activities developed under the blueprint DRIVES expressed support to the road towards the establishment of a Skills Pact for the automotive sector.

DRIVES project is fully aligned with the four associations on the need to set-up large-scale partnerships to work on priority areas within the framework of the Green Deal and the sector’s digital transition.

In this context, also the DRIVES sector skills alliance, looks at wider innovation in the sector, beyond electrification and batteries, and is the ideal backbone for skills in automotive industry. The setting-up of a large-scale partnership to boost the availability of the workforce of emerging skills needed, is the vehicle to bring DRIVES outcomes forward. Undeniably, DRIVES provides the tools to pool together available trainings in order to have a “go-to” resource for workers and companies looking to up- and re-skill their workforce.

Up to now, 77 new job roles were recognised to be needed by the automotive value-chain and partners are actively working on 30+ different emerging job roles. For those job roles, skillset description, training material, exercises, exams and official certificates recognised by the DRIVES framework will be prepared. The overall DRIVES framework will include a database of EU-wide available training courses for the Automotive Industry, and micro-credentials in the form of a Digital Badge for training course attendees that achieve the level of competence/skill of plugged-in training course.

DRIVES will keep on investing in pilot trainings rolling them out with associated regions to support future challenges and boost local competitiveness.

DRIVES will provide support to a sustainable, simplified and harmonised approach to upskilling and reskilling of the current and future Automotive workforce, much beyond its lifetime, therefore serving as a best practice for future projects.

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