



## DRIVES' Quarterly Newsletter

### Interview with Mrs. Sigrid de Vries, Secretary General of the European Association of Automotive Suppliers ([CLEPA](#))

In this issue, the Mrs. Sigrid de Vries talks about CLEPA's view on the main challenges and opportunities for the automotive industry, that come with the changing technology landscape, shifting consumer habits and the ever-greater importance of collaboration between industry and education providers.

“Mobility forms an essential aspect of our lives and the formidable transformation currently underway is only possible with concerted effort and a coherent ecosystem. The automotive supply industry is delivering on its vision with clean, smart and safe technology solutions, but Europe is currently lacking a robust infrastructure for renewable energy, digital communication and mobility services. We ask that EU leaders coordinate their actions and deliver a supportive policy framework that fosters innovation, supports European technology leadership and ensures that a future-oriented and skilled workforce is available”

Follow the [link to read the full interview.](#)



Insights of the Automotive Sector  
2019

Deliverable 2.7 Forecasting Dissemination Report



1. DRIVES has published the [Report on the Insights of the Automotive Sector](#) on the skills demand by the automotive industry.

In this report the future key skills required are identified, according to SME's and large entities, by industry, with a clear demand for technical skills and a preference for work based skills trainings/upskilling/upgrading.

In the context of the structural changes that the automotive industry is going through, this justifies an even closer cooperation between education providers/industry on the skills agenda.

In the next few months DRIVES partnership will implement a Dissemination campaign of this report, which will consist in the publication of several factsheets throughout a period of 4 months.

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October 19	DRIVERS OF CHANGE
November 19	SKILLS
November 19	JOB ROLES
November 19	VET PROVISION MECHANISMS (APPROACH)
November 19	VET PROVISION MECHANISMS (STRATEGY)
December 19	VET PROVISION MECHANISMS (APPRENTICESHIP)
December 19	SKILL RECOGNITION AND QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORKS
December 19	RECRUITMENT AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE SECTOR (CHALLENGES)
January 20	RECRUITMENT AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE SECTOR (APPROACH)
January 20	RECRUITMENT AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE SECTOR (METHODS)

2. During the Q3 of 2019 the second online skills survey to support the European roadmap on education and training is launched to prepare for the challenges in the automotive value chain. Its aim was to identify the skills offer for the future automotive sector and to develop training programmes for the sector.

It will allow comparison of current and evolving skill offer with the skills support in place in order to identify gaps in current provision. It will also support the development of an Automotive strategic roadmap for skills development for the sector.



[Follow this report to find out what have we been up to!](#)

**Save-the-Date: DRIVES High-Level Conference** on the "The future of workforce in the automotive industry", 18th of February 2020. More details to

follow soon on our official channels.

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



On October 9<sup>th</sup>, [DRIVES consortium](#) presented at the [European Week of Regions and Cities 2019](#), the project goals and the role of the regional partners, to a diverse audience. The event was organised by the Municipality of Mangualde.

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## EU News

### [Geospatial data: present and future of the automotive sector](#)

Interview from Mr Jakub Stolfa, VSB-TUO, coordinator of the Drives project, on possible synergies between the space/geospatial field and the automotive sector.

### [The changing nature of work and skills in the digital age](#)

“Work and skills requirements are evolving rapidly as a result of technological progress, creating pressing policy challenges for the EU”, said Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for education, youth, culture and sport, responsible for the Joint Research Centre.

### [Study: Automation and the future of work in Portugal](#)

The Business Confederation of Portugal (CIP), Nova SBE (School of Business and Economics) and the McKinsey Global Institute developed a study regarding the Automation and the future of work in Portugal, that aimed to assess the country's automation potential, between 2019 and 2030.

### [Recap of the skills for industry conference 2019](#)

Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, said in her opening message that "it has never been more important to invest in the skills and abilities of our citizens. To ensure competitiveness, for innovation to

## Skills mismatch and productivity in the EU

The report implies that certain types of skills mismatch (for example skills shortages and overqualification) are on the rise in the EU, while other types (such as underqualification) have been declining for a long period of time. Moreover, there are also significant differences across EU Member States that feature in this study.

thrive, and to attract investment, Europe needs to upskill and reskill its workforce. Skills are necessary to address our policy priorities and horizontal challenges: sustainability, industrial transformation, new forms of work, automation and digitalization, global competition and an ageing population".

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## Events

- [Hypermotion 2019](#), Frankfurt, Germany, 26 - 28 November, 2019
- [Connected Cars Summit 2019](#), United Kingdom, 27 - 28 November, 2019
- [The Future of Transportation World Conference](#), Viena, Austria, 10-11 December 2019
- [Transport Research Arena TRA 2020](#), 27-30 April 2020
- [Cities Forum 2020](#), Porto, Portugal, 30-31 January 2020

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