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## 5<sup>th</sup> CLEPA Automotive Aftermarket Conference

**CLEPA, The European Association of Automotive Suppliers, successfully hosted the 5th CLEPA Automotive Aftermarket Conference on Thursday 28 November, 2013 in Brussels. More than 200 high-level participants including representatives of the automotive industry, European Institutions and Member States, participated in the event.**

*“The automotive aftermarket is a profitable €100bn market in Europe, however, the competition between car manufacturers and independent operators will become tougher. New technologies and changing consumer behavior will bring other business models influenced by the internet, electronics and remanufacturing on one hand and new players on the other hand”, said Mr Jean-Marc Gales, CLEPA CEO.*

This year’s conference was opened by CLEPA CEO Jean-Marc Gales and included presentations from high-level speakers and panelists on:

- **Ensuring future automotive supplier competitiveness in the aftermarket**  
Dr. Andreas Cornet, Director at McKinsey presented an overview of the future competitiveness of the automotive supplier industry in the aftermarket.
- **WEB@aftermarket**  
Continental, HUK-Coburg and the European Commission gave a perspective on **“Connected Vehicles”**. In the second session on **“Connected Business”**, Amazon presented their business model for the automotive aftermarket and TecAlliance explained the connectivity in the aftermarket supply chain from a view of an aftermarket service provider.
- **The HCV parts and service business**  
Representatives from different market players such as KnorrBremse, AD France and Fraikin Intl. gave their insight on opportunities, challenges and solutions in this segment of the aftermarket.

This edition was introduced by a networking evening with more than 200 leading figures from industry and politics and featured a key note speech from Dr. Uwe Thomas, President Automotive Aftermarket at Robert Bosch.

The CLEPA Aftermarket event is the traditional get-together of the Automotive Aftermarket in Brussels and has been gathering an increasing number of participants since its beginnings in 2009. The 6th CLEPA Aftermarket conference will take place next year in Brussels on 27 November. Save the date!

### Note to Editors

**CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers.**

111 of the world’s most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 25 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3 thousand companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

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