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## **CLEPA Annual Reception 2015: Driving innovation for sustainable mobility**

**Speaking at the CLEPA Annual Reception in Brussels on 24 March, Commissioner Arias Cañete called for a reinforced cooperation across sectors, member states and policy areas: “The future of transport sector is full of exciting possibilities: new high tech materials; connected cars getting smarter and smarter and one day autonomous; seamlessly functioning, intelligent transport systems. One thing this innovative technologies and solutions have in common is that on one can develop them alone”.**

Welcoming more than 300 attendees, Mr de David-Beauregard, CLEPA President, highlighted the strong links and interdependencies between transport, energy and climate, particularly as urbanization accelerates worldwide.

*“In mobility, just like in the energy sector, technologies are largely available. The need of their uptake depends on consumer preferences, energy prices, the market and the national and international regulatory framework”,* said CLEPA President before listing CLEPA priorities: the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions post 2020, Clean Air, Connectivity and Automated Driving.

The EU CO<sub>2</sub> legislation for passenger cars has largely been a success in driving innovations, lowering CO<sub>2</sub> and offering planning certainty. CLEPA members are developing a wide range of technologies for further CO<sub>2</sub> reductions post-2020.

*“We see additional potential via both increased efficiency of the internal combustion engine and increasing market shares of alternative powertrain vehicles. CLEPA members are committed to remaining leaders in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. For the time after 2020 there are, however, reasons to believe that a linear continuation of currently demanded reductions will not be possible. This is amongst other things linked to the costs and market penetration of alternative technologies and the fact that the physical potential of efficiency gains is asymptotic”* highlighted the CLEPA President.

*“We are one of the biggest contributors to job and growth in Europe thanks to the Innovation carried out by our members. They invest 18 billion Euro each year in R&D. CLEPA’s members are committed to make major contributions to safer and cleaner cars”,* said Mr Paul Schockmel, CLEPA CEO.

As regards automated driving, this is part of a new paradigm shift and mobility evolution.

It is estimated that it will bring tremendous social benefits in terms of road accident reductions, traffic management, fuels savings and additional productivity due to traffic avoidance. CLEPA supports a stepwise approach towards higher levels of automated driving and its technological advancements in key innovation areas.

*“Modern vehicles equipped with driver assistance systems can feel, listen and soon speak with their environment. Connectivity and autonomous driving are the new opportunities and challenges for the years to come and we are committed to deliver integrated solutions in cooperation with our customers, European authorities and all relevant stakeholders involved”,* concluded Mr Paul Schockmel, CLEPA CEO.

## **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 24 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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