

PRESS RELEASE

RESTRUCTURING FORUM – 17-18 OCTOBER 2007

“THE CHALLENGES OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY – TOWARDS A EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ANTICIPATION OF CHANGE”

This event is organised by the European Commission’s Directorate-Generals for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities; for Enterprise and Industry and for Environment.

A highly tailored debate Forum for the automotive industry, which addresses fundamental and long-term business challenges, such as the fast-moving and resolute trend of globalization. The consequential re-location process from industrial Europe, to the rapidly emerging economies in India and Asia will be analyzed.

This Forum also aims at reaching pragmatic solutions for stakeholders through the launching of a “European Partnership for the Anticipation of Change in the Automotive Sector.”

With more vehicles being produced in the next 20 years, than during the whole of the past century, CLEPA takes these shifting trends seriously, our members know that to be globally competitive we have to seize the opportunities of global markets and if this is done within the ambit of collective and mutual partnerships, the more likely the success.

For this reason, CLEPA shall add fuel to the debate, by having four key presenters:

Dr Giuliano Zucco, CEO, Mark IV DAYCO

Mr Karel Bos, CEO, BOSAL International NV

Mr Dusan Busen, Managing Director, Automotive Cluster of Slovenia

Mr Lars Holmqvist, CEO, CLEPA

Time is of the essence now for our members to lay the foundations to agree on common objectives, to prepare for safeguarding our business interests and competitiveness in the future, in collaboration and support of the European Commission and with our partners.

CLEPA is the European umbrella membership organisation representing the interests of the global automotive supply industry. More than 70 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 20 National trade associations and European sectoral associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3,000 companies, employing more than three million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, 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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RESTRUCTURING FORUM

*The challenges of the automotive industry -
Towards a European partnership for the anticipation of change*

**Le Plaza Hotel
(Boulevard Adolphe Max 118, 1000 Brussels)**

17/18 October 2007

PROGRAMME

1st Half-day (17 October 2007)

- 13.30 PRESS CONFERENCE – Le Plaza Hotel
- 13.00/14.00 Registration
- Opening**
- Chair: *Mr Xavier Prats Monne, Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities*
- 14.00/14.10 Opening of the Forum by **Mr Vladimír Špidla**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 14.10/14.20 **Mr Günter Verheugen**, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry
- 14.20/14.30 **Mr Francisco Madelino**, President of the Institute for Employment and Professional Training, Portuguese Presidency
- 14.30/14.40 **Mrs Mercedes Bresso**, President, Piedmont Region
- 14.40/15.05 Key Note Address – **Mr Christian Streiff**, CEO, PSA Peugeot Citroën
- 15.05/15.35 Coffee break

The automotive industry – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

- Chair: *Mr Heinz Zourek, Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry*
- 15.45/15.55 **Prof. Daniel Traça**, General Rapporteur, Solvay Business School/ Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 15.55/16.10 **Mr Gustav Zöhrer**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, rapporteur for the information report on "The Automotive sector in Europe: current situation and prospects"
- 16.10/16.25 **Mr Ivan Hodac**, Secretary General, European Automobile Manufacturers Association
- 16.25/16.40 **Mr Peter Scherrer**, Secretary General, European Metalworkers Federation
- 16.40/17.15 Questions and discussion

Towards an increasingly knowledge-based automotive sector – the role of the supply industry

- 17.15/17.30 **Mr Lars Holmqvist**, CEO, European Association of Automotive Suppliers
- 17.30/17.45 **Mrs Eva Srejber**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- 17.45/18.00 **Mr Alfred Löckle**, Deputy-Chairman of Robert Bosch Supervisory Board, Chairman of Bosch Group Works Council

18.00/18.40 Questions and discussion
18.45/19.30 Cocktail
19.30 Dinner

2nd Half-day (18 October 2007)

8.30/09.00 Welcome coffee

Sustainable Mobility – the automotive sector global challenges

Chair: **Mr Mogens Peter Carl**, Director General, DG Environment

09.15/09.30 **Mr Piet Steel**, Vice President of European Affairs, Toyota Motor Europe
09.30/09.45 **Mr Martin Jahn**, Member of the Board of Management, Škoda Auto
09.45/10.00 **Mr Jürgen Peters**, Chairman, IG Metall

10.00/10.20 Questions and discussion

Regional strategies to anticipate change

Chair: **Mr Gert-Jan Koopman**, Director, DG Enterprise and Industry

10.30/10.45 **Mrs Katarina Mathernova**, Deputy Director General, DG Regional Policy
10.45/11.00 Representative of an important automotive region
11.00/11.15 **Mr Dusan Busen**, Director, Automotive Cluster of Slovenia
11.15/11.35 Key Note Address – **Mr Karel Bos**, CEO, BOSAL International NV
11.35/11.45 Coffee Break

European Partnership for the Anticipation of Change

11.45/12.55 Final Round Table

Chair - **Mr Michel Delebarre**, President of the Committee of the Regions

Mr Fernando Vasquez, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, in charge of the Restructuring Forum

Mrs Isabelle Eynaud-Chevalier, Deputy Director, Ministry for Labour, Labour Relations and Solidarity, France

Mr Tomás Villanueva, Vice-President, Regional Government of Castille and Leon

Mr Rudi Kennes, Vice-Chairman, GM Europe European Works Council, trade union delegate, ABVV-METAAL

Mr Ivan Hodac, Secretary General, European Automobile Manufacturers Association

Mr Giuliano Zucco, President, European Association of Automotive Suppliers

Professor Daniel Traça, General Rapporteur, Solvay Business School/Université Libre de Bruxelles

12.55/13.25 Discussion

13.25/13.30 Closing remarks by **Mr Günter Verheugen**, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry