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What future for transport? Beyond challenges, towards a shared vision of mobility

The first event of the second phase of the European project “Anticipation of Change in the Automotive Industry” will take place on Tuesday, 27 April 2010, at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

The European Automotive Industry provides direct employment for 6 million Europeans, of which 5 million are provided by the automotive supply industry. Indirect jobs total another 12 million, both in large companies and SMEs. The automotive supply chain is present in all 27 EU Member States and invests 13 billion EUR per year in Research and Technological Development.

Although a significant contributor to Europe’s economy and one of the leading employers in Europe, the Automotive Industry will continue to face major sociological, political and economic challenges. Among them is the call to make road transport safer, more efficient and more sustainable by de-carbonising it in the long term and bringing its functional and environmental performance closer to societal expectations.

As a result of the on-going economic crisis, firms are restructuring to weather the environmental and energy storm, and are making a number of decisions and investments that will have an impact on their business for decades to come. In this decisive moment future developments in the transport sector are an important additional variable to take into account.

In the framework of the European project “Anticipation of Change in the Automotive Industry II¹” CLEPA and EMF, together with ACEA and CEEMET as observers, intend to debate the question of future mobility and its impact on the automotive sector with a view to deepening their collaboration and elaborating a joint policy approach to enhance the future competitiveness of this industry.

Only by anticipating future changes in mobility and transportation needs, can the European Automotive Industry generate growth, efficiently reallocate labour to relevant activities and, at the same time, upgrade workers’ skills to contribute to their long-term employability.

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EMF, the European Metalworkers Federation, is the representative body defending the interests of workers in the European metal industry on behalf of 72 metalworking unions (and 4 associated organisations) from 33 countries, with a combined total of 5.5 million members.

The EMF was established in 1971 and has a mandate for the external representation and coordination of the metalworkers' unions and a mandate to engage in bargaining at European level.

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