

Roberto Vavassori begins term as new CLEPA President

CLEPA's new President Mr Roberto VAVASSORI has begun his term in office, effective from January 1st, succeeding to Mr Arnaud de David-Beauregard.

Upon entering into office, Mr Vavassori said:

"We live in challenging and exciting times and today, like never before, we can decide and shape our future. Automotive suppliers are keen to play a most significant role in evolving the way we let goods and people move in a friendly habitat.

Circular economy is requesting us not only to significantly improve our emissions and to fully exploit the potential of connectivity, but also to transform the way our products are designed and manufactured thanks to the IoT and Industry 4.0".

Roberto Vavassori is a member of the Management Board of Brembo, the Italian multinational brake system specialist, and the director for Business Development and Marketing.

Mr Vavassori is also Deputy Chairman of the JV between Brembo and SGL Group and was formerly President of ANFIA, the Italian Automotive Association, where his three-year mandate ended this year.

CLEPA have well-established priorities, including: the reduction of CO2 emissions post 2020, Clean Air, Safety, Connectivity, Automated Driving, and the successful conclusion of the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). With these priorities in mind, automotive suppliers are committed to delivering a positive and impactful contribution to the re-launch of the European industrial policy and the Energy Union package.

CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers.

116 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 23 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3000 companies, employing more than 5 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.).

Facts about the European automotive industry

- Some **12 million** people are employed in the European automotive industry
- European automotive suppliers directly employ **5 million** people
- European automotive suppliers invest **€18bn** in RDI per year. They are the biggest private investor into research and innovation
- Per year, **18 million** vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy