

## CLEPA 2023 General Assembly elects new leadership

In the context of its General Assembly, CLEPA, the European association of automotive suppliers, approved its membership composition, annual accounts and its new statutes. **CLEPA members elected Mr Matthias Zink, CEO Automotive Technologies at Schaeffler, as incoming President of CLEPA.** Mr Zink will assume the role in January 2024, **succeeding Mr Thorsten Muschal, Executive Vice President of Sales at FORVIA**, who has successfully led the association over the last four years.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the new role, Mr Zink states, “As the group representing the interests of the European automotive supplier industry, CLEPA has a significant role to play in the process of shaping more modern and sustainable automotive mobility. CLEPA’s task is to ensure that the interests of all stakeholders are taken into account during this process. I am pleased that I will be able to support and help shape this important function in a key position together with other sector colleagues from the beginning of the coming year. As a European and as a businessman, I am convinced that the relevance of CLEPA will significantly increase during the next few years, not least to ensure that European interests are heard at an international level.”

Reflecting on his term, Mr Muschal notes, “I am proud of the achievements we have made together at CLEPA, especially considering the unprecedented challenges we have faced over the past three years. The transition is only beginning, and it is crucial that we continue to work together towards shared objectives. I look forward to actively carrying out my full mandate, and to the handover with Mr Zink.”

The CLEPA General Assembly served as an important forum for cooperation, empowering the association's members to tackle industry challenges collectively and promote a harmonised approach towards the mobility transformation in Europe.

The CLEPA membership is presently composed of more than 140 members, including 116 corporate members, 12 national associations and 19 associate members. Since June 2022, CLEPA has welcomed 12 new members, reinforcing its position as the voice of the sector. The most recent members are:

- Aurobay
- BASF
- DuPont
- FEV
- Harman
- Klimator
- Qualcomm
- Tallano Technologies
- STMicroelectronics
- Stratvision
- Swissmem
- Wayve

### **About CLEPA**

CLEPA, the European Association of Automotive Suppliers based in Brussels, represents over 3,000 companies, from multi-nationals to SMEs, supplying state-of-the-art components and innovative technology for safe, smart and sustainable mobility, investing over €30 billion yearly in research and development. Automotive suppliers directly employ 1.7 million people in the EU.

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