



AUTONET

TRANSNATIONAL NETWORK OF LEADING AUTOMOTIVE REGIONS IN CE

PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

Automotive industry is leading industry in lot of regions across Central Europe area. Current economy world-wide crisis has direct negative influence on the automotive industry including whole supply chain, which means car&part producers, subcontractors as well as RTD institutions cooperating with automotive industry on innovative projects.

The negative impact is very visible in all regions including cutting of jobs, decreasing of tax income, reduction of production which leads to overall decreasing of quality of life in regions as well as affecting RTD activities and application of innovation. Automotive industry needs direct support at policy level including mainly national policy actors, but the most important in current years is up to the business supporting actors in automotive actors in each region (clusters etc.).

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Primary: Support for the establishment and development of transnational network of clusters or other business supporting actors of automotive industry. The network has to play important role in the support of automotive industry in Leading automotive regions by coordinating their activities and implementing activities in line with transnational clusters best practices recommended by E.C. or other relevant institutions (i.e. PRO INNO Net activities, PAXIS).

More specifically The project focuses to improve the framework of innovation in automotive industries with high positive contribution in fostering knowledge development.

The target would be following ones:

- Create functional network including common technical standards and procedures (i.e. creation of thematic working groups, exchange of experience etc.)
- Create and maintain specific transnational services which will increase support network members and partners (specifically Internet based Match-making database,

training service for SME's and RTD institutions related to Automotive, Transnational Network promotion)

- Realize the joint analyses of Automotive industry supporting actors and elaborate CE and regional strategy plan in Automotive industry
- Establish close cooperation with decision policy makers and address policy recommendation to support sustainable development of Automotive industries

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Create Network standards and procedures
- Develop and maintain Match-Making database, train SME's and RTD in usage of Match-Making database
- Create and realize Dissemination strategy for Network
- Identify best practices across Leading automotive regions. Research and Analyze CE and regional strategy plan to tackle the negative impact of economy crisis in Automotive.

PARTNERSHIP

- AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER – WEST SLOVAKIA – SK
- BUSSINESS INTEREST ASSOCIATION ACS, AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER OF SLOVENIA (GIZ ACS)
- WEST-PANNON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (HU)
- SAXONY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (DE)
- PROVINCE OF REGGIO EMILIA (IT)
- MORAVIAN-SILESIA AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER (CZ)
- WIELKOPOLSKA AGENCY FOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (PL)
- LOWER SILESIA AGENCY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (PL)
- COMUNIMPRESE SCARL (IT)