

ABOUT US

The automotive industry is facing a number of ecological challenges. This requires the awareness for sustainability of products to conserve natural resources and to improve energy efficiency throughout the value chain. The development and manufacturing of automotive components and parts provide extensive opportunities for optimisations and innovations.

The S_LIFE project – European Synergies and Cooperation for Sustainable Vehicles along the Life Cycle – identifies new technological approaches and solutions throughout the automotive product lifecycle – from material and design to manufacturing up to dismantling and recycling of various materials.

The seven partners from France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Italy work closely together to develop strategies, from the identification and evaluation of regional research & development potentials to a joint action plan for the activation, coordination and networking of resources and skills.

S_LIFE project is also aiming at further developing the cooperation between European world-wide class clusters in order to help them develop new scientific, economic and structural coherent greening solutions along the value chain.

We cordially invite you to contribute your know-how and competencies and participate actively in this project.

PROJECT PARTNERS



Pôle Véhicule du Futur France (Project Coordinator)

The Pôle Véhicule du Futur Alsace Franche-Comté is a French competitiveness cluster that organises the particular competencies of its geographical remit and missions around solutions for future vehicles and mobility. It was established in 2005 and has been awarded „competitiveness cluster“ status by the French State.

<http://www.vehiculedefutur.com>



Auto Recycling Nederland

ARN is the Dutch centre of expertise for recycling in the mobility sector. It has managed the recycling chains within the sector for more than 15 years and has grown into an expert in the field of recycling and chain management. Sharing knowledge is an important aspect of this work. ARN uses its expertise to support and advise companies and public authorities in the Netherlands and abroad on a variety of issues relating to sustainability.

<http://www.arn.nl>



Bayern Innovativ GmbH (Germany) Cluster Automotive and Cluster New Materials

Bayern Innovativ GmbH was initiated by the Bavarian State Government in 1995 and was jointly set up by politicians, science and industry as a corporation for innovation and technology transfer, located in Nuremberg. Bayern Innovativ extends its activities on a broad field of ten future-orientated technologies and ten branches important to Bavaria's industry.

<http://www.bayern-innovativ.de>



CEIPiemonte (Italy)

Piemonte Agency for Investments, Export and Tourism is the first Italian agency dedicated to internationalisation, focusing chiefly on attracting foreign investment, increasing the presence of local companies and their competitiveness on international markets, promoting the region tourist offer and agrifood products worldwide, training local and foreign managers and officers on key subjects related to international trade.

<http://www.centroestero.org>



Cluster Automotive of Baden-Wuerttemberg (Germany)

The automotive cluster of Baden-Wuerttemberg is jointly represented by RKW Baden-Wuerttemberg as network coordinator together with representatives of the regional cluster initiatives and automotive networks. The RKW Baden-Wuerttemberg takes over such activities, where a central presence is beneficial. The regional automobile networks use their presence in the regions and the personal contact to involve local actorste.

<http://www.automotive-bw.de>



GIZ-ACS (Slovenia)

The Automotive Cluster of Slovenia is a business association based on economic interest of its members uniting Slovenian automotive suppliers. Its members' aim is to reinforce the competitiveness and create greater added value. GIZ ACS is the central communication point of the automotive cluster and it is supported by infrastructure. ACS provides support for its members to integrate into the global automotive industry and to improve the range of their products and services.

<http://www.acs-giz.si>



Interface Europe (Belgium)

Interface Europe is a Brussels based company providing all European organisations with all the necessary services required to successfully develop and manage European projects and strategies throughout all policies and European funding programmes dedicated to research, innovation and training for European competitiveness.

<http://www.interfaceurope.eu>



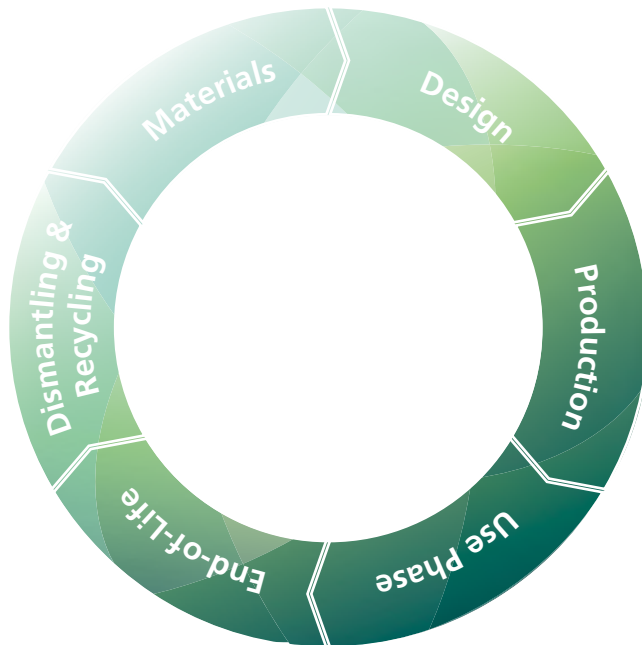
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PROJECT CHALLENGES ...



... AND OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the project S_LIFE is to further strengthen trans-national cooperations between regional automotive research clusters by creating a European model network and the development of a European-wide cluster with the capacity to grow to a world-class level.

Following this main objective, the key specific objectives will be achieved by the S_LIFE project:

Objective 1:

Assessment of the capacity of regional clusters to contribute to the development of an integrated value chain for sustainable vehicles.

Objective 2:

Definition of common research priorities and strategies for future collaboration to address the key challenges, such as eco-concept cars, consumption of raw materials and components as well as the traceability of materials.

Objective 3:

Coherent and structured organisation of regional and European assistance and support, advisory service for research institutions and networks of the transport industry, and optimisation of an integrated value chain of vehicles and its implementation.

Objective 4:

Strengthening of regional and European infrastructure and research clusters by sharing platforms and tools for a common knowledge exchange by creating multidisciplinary bridges for mentoring among the European key regions.

Objective 5:

Creation of a financial plan to enable the implementation of the joint action plan of the S_LIFE project and to provide recommendations for financial instruments to policy maker.

Objective 6:

Communication and dissemination of the project, results in enabling the S_LIFE initiative to grow, be replicable and to pave the way for a world-class cluster.

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