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ASA – CoRAI – ARA operational programme 2024

Background:

Following the adoption of the Working Agreement on a Strategic Partnership for a Just and Sustainable Transition of European Automotive Regions ("Agreement") between the Automotive Regions Alliance ("ARA"), the Interregional Group "Future of the Automotive Industry" of the European Committee of the Regions ("CoRAI") and Automotive Skills Alliance ("ASA") in Pamplona, Navarra in November 2023, the parties declared their will to develop further joint activities and events throughout the year of 2024. Earlier in 2022 during the first ARA Annual Conference in Leipzig, the regions of ARA, ASA and CoRAI expressed their interest to cooperate towards the just transition of the automotive ecosystems and acknowledged the importance of the up- and reskilling as a contribution to the European Skills Agenda and Pact for Skills initiative.

To fulfil objectives of the Agreement in terms of supporting each other, taking advantages of opportunities to act together and jointly representing and advocating for the agreed objectives, this document sets up priorities of regional cooperation for a just and sustainable transition.

In 2024, the parties will focus on the following objectives of the cooperation and planned events:

Cooperation objectives:

- Call on the European Commission, in the light of its commitment under the Regulation on CO2 emission standards for cars, to carry out a detailed territorial impact assessment without delay and to prepare a report on the needs, challenges and funding gaps for a just transition in the automotive and automotive supply industry in Europe by the end of 2025
- Contribute with an input to the future EU skills agenda and regional skills transformation for EU automotive regions
- Formulate and voice the priorities of ASA, CORAI and ARA for the new European Parliament and European Commission following the 2024 European election
- Join forces at the number of occasions based on the roadmap specified in this document
- Identify concrete and tangible policy measures, based on exchange of good practices in the EU on a regional level to facilitate and speed up the transformation of the automotive sector

Joint events

- **18-19 March 2024: Mons Summit Festival (public)**
 - Organized by **CoRAI, ARA** and **ASA**
 - Joined stand to raise visibility of cooperation and increase stakeholder engagement
- **8 October 2024: European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC) (public)**
 - Organized by CoRAI, ARA and ASA
 - Joint Political workshop on “Driving Transformation: Talent Development in Automotive Regions”
 - Specific session focused on skills agenda within the joint event will be organized by ASA

ASA Events 2024

- **10 April 2024: Workshop in Brussels (public)**
 - Organized by ASA
 - Focus on lessons learned and future-oriented policy measures in the EU skills agenda, best practices, skills intelligence gathering and anticipation methods, as well as discussion about sustainability and effective collaboration and the future of the Pact for skills
- **27-28 June 2024: ASA Study Visit hosted by Grand Est region (per invitation)**
 - Co-organized by the ASA and Grand Est
 - focused on skills strategies and the topics of training and attractiveness of the automotive sector, including a first-hand experience and insight to the region’s automotive companies and training facilities

ARA Events 2024

- **22 May 2024: High level seminar in Brussels on monitoring the just transition of automotive regions**
- **15 October 2024: Parliamentary Breakfast (per invitation only)**
 - Co-organized by Navarre, Lombardy and Saxony
- **28-29 November 2024: ARA annual conference in Lombardy (per invitation only)**
 - Organized by ARA (selected region)
 - ASA representatives will be invited to the annual conference



CoRAI Events 2024

- **26-27 March 2024: External Seminar of the ECON Commission in Chemnitz (Saxony, DE) (per invitation only)**
- **20 June 2024: CoRAI Meeting (per invitation only)**
- **21 November 2024 CoRAI Meeting (per invitation only)**

Planned collaborations in the context of the European skills agenda under the ASA umbrella

- ✓ Regions represented in the CoRAI wishing to work on the skills agenda to support the green and digital transformation at the regional level are invited to join the Automotive Skills Alliance

The ASA – CoRAI – ARA operational programme 2024 is subject to change.