



European Automotive Research Partners Association

Founded in 2002, EARPA is the association of independent automotive R&D organisations. It brings together the most prominent R&D providers on road mobility throughout Europe. EARPA has approximately 50 Members ranging from large and small commercial organisations to national institutes and universities.

EARPA, as the platform of automotive researchers, aims at actively contributing to the European Research Area and the future EU RTD funding programmes. EARPA works in a close cooperation with the automotive industry, the automotive suppliers, as well as the European Institutions and the EU Member States.

EARPA is independent from any external body or institute and is only funded by its Members' fees and is governed by an Executive Board and a General Meeting.

Among others, EARPA Members are active in the following European Initiatives which are overlooking/have impacts on different automotive R&D aspects: ERTRAC, 2Zero, CCAM, Batteries, FCH-JU, ECSEL-JU, Made in Europe, DUT, EMIRI, ALICE and EPoSS. As an independent platform, EARPA participates in strategic consultations at EU level related to public interest and social matters regarding mobility, environment, energy and safety in the automotive area. Being well integrated in both national and European research structures, EARPA and its Members are able to promote and support closer links between national and European research programs.

Our mission

EARPA's mission is to promote awareness and understanding of the specific role and contribution of R&D providers in the automotive sector and reinforce the high tech character of the automotive industry as well as its potential for future innovation and new opportunities.

EARPA works in a close cooperation with industrial automotive partners, suppliers, universities and other research organisations to develop the future of R&D in Europe. Such cooperation varies in its forms from exchanging ideas and knowledge in joint meetings to set-up networks, roadmaps and carry out joint research projects.

The new Horizon Europe programme (HEU) as well as the newly developed partnerships are of particular interest for EARPA Members as a mean to achieve such cooperation, as well as further support the European automotive industry. Accordingly, other European stakeholders such as EUCAR, CLEPA, ACEA, CONCAWE, FERHL, ERTICO, ECTRI and POLIS are important partners to EARPA.

EARPA actively supports various European Technology Platforms (ETPs) and Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs) in their efforts of defining common visions for the future RTD and creating as well as implementing European strategic research agendas.

Our organisation

EARPA is functioning thanks to its Members' annual contributions and is composed of three main bodies:

- First, the General Meeting, in which all Members are participating, governs the Association.
- Second, the Executive Board, to which the management of the association is delegated, initiates activities and carries out the representative tasks.
- Third, the EARPA Secretariat based in Brussels which is managed by the EARPA Secretary General.

Our members

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| 1 | ABEE | Belgium | 21 | IKA | Germany | 38 | THI | Germany |
| 2 | AIT | Austria | 22 | INEGI | Portugal | 39 | TNO | The Netherlands |
| 3 | Applus+ IDIADA | Spain | 23 | KIT | Germany | 40 | TRG - University of Southampton | United Kingdom |
| 4 | AVL | Austria | 24 | KTH Royal Institute of Technology | Sweden | 41 | UNIMORE | Italy |
| 5 | CEA | France | 25 | KU Leuven | Belgium | 42 | University of Firenze | Italy |
| 6 | CEIT | Spain | 26 | LAT - Aristotle University Thessaloniki | Greece | 43 | University of Limerick | Ireland |
| 7 | CERTH | Greece | 27 | LEITAT | Spain | 44 | University of Ljubljana | Slovenia |
| 8 | Chalmers | Sweden | 28 | Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München | Germany | 45 | University of West Bohemia | Czech Republic |
| 9 | CIDETEC | Spain | 29 | MOBI - Vrije Universiteit Brussel | Belgium | 46 | University of Žilina | Slovakia |
| 10 | CMT | Spain | 30 | Mondragon Goi Eskola Politeknikoa | Spain | 47 | Vicomtech | Spain |
| 11 | Czech Technical University in Prague | Czech Republic | 31 | NTNU | Norway | 48 | Virtual Vehicle | Austria |
| 12 | Eindhoven University of Technology | The Netherlands | 32 | Politecnico di Torino | Italy | | | |
| 13 | ESI Group | France | 33 | RICARDO | United Kingdom | | | |
| 14 | EURECAT | Spain | 34 | RISE | Sweden | | | |
| 15 | FEV | Germany | 35 | Siemens Industry Software | Belgium | | | |
| 16 | Fraunhofer LBF/EMI/IWU | Germany | 36 | SiEVA | Slovenia | | | |
| 17 | Ghent University | Belgium | 37 | Tecnalia | Spain | | | |
| 18 | IAV GmbH | Germany | | | | | | |
| 19 | IESTA | Austria | | | | | | |
| 20 | IFPEN | France | | | | | | |

Our work

To achieve its goals, EARPA provides to the Members and the counterparts (EU officials and other stakeholders) the following elements:

1. A better visibility in Europe thanks to the central point of contact: i.e. the EARPA Secretariat based in Brussels available for our Members and other EU stakeholders.
2. Targeted information on the development of (future) EU RTD funding programmes and procedures, initiatives for projects and joint programmes, networking activities as well as information on on-going projects of interest. This information is provided via diverse channels, such as newsletters, flyers and other confidential documents, all easily accessible for our Members via the EARPA intranet.
3. A platform for discussion and exchange of views for R&D.
4. A strong network with the relevant European Institutions and industries thanks to regular meetings such as the annual events and workshops.
5. Support or initiation of new networks, projects and consortia by bringing interested parties together and facilitating meetings.
6. Additional public exposure of our Members through its communication effort (website, social media, presentations at events, etc.) towards EU & industrial representatives as well as the general public.

Our structure

EARPA's organisation is based on the EARPA Foresight Groups which are responsible for developing EARPA opinions and positions as well as defining EARPA objectives and strategy in relevant R&D areas. Through its Foresight Groups, EARPA provides a forum for its Members to address issues of common interest. EARPA has the following Foresight Groups:

1. Connectivity, automation and safety
2. Energy, powertrains and electrification
3. Integrated & connected product development – materials, manufacturing and design tools
4. Future mobility of people and goods
5. Project Management

In general, the Foresight Groups perform the following activities:

- Information exchange on relevant (EU) developments in their specific areas of interest.
- Discussions on technological developments and research questions, development of roadmaps and more.
- Support of the Executive Board and the Secretariat in the event that formal statements and inputs have to be given to strategic research agendas of other stakeholders, position papers, etc.
- Identification of particular funding programmes/opportunities on EC level (and joint MS-level) as input to the Collaborative Research Groups.

The Foresight Groups are complemented by flexible Collaborative Research Groups for development of project ideas for EU research programmes.

Our membership

EARPA Membership is open to R&D providers, commercial and non-profit. Independence of the automotive industry and experience with EU projects are the two criteria for the Membership. If you are interested in joining EARPA, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretariat. To have more information, please visit our website: www.earpa.eu.

Any questions?

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