

1st meeting of the Automotive Regions Alliance
on 17 November 2022 in Leipzig

"Leipzig Declaration"
of
the Automotive Regions Alliance

At the first political meeting of the Automotive Regions Alliance that took place on 17 November 2022 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Saxony and the European Committee of the Regions in Leipzig, the participating regions have agreed upon the future working methods of the Alliance to implement the 10 points that were adopted earlier this year at the 150th plenary session of the CoR on 30 June 2022¹:

- a) The Alliance collectively advocates for establishment of a European mechanism supporting a just and fair transition of the automotive and supply industry regions in order to minimise the disruptive effects on employment and enhance the capabilities and opportunities of a technological re-qualification of the European automotive industry, maintaining global competitiveness in research, innovation and business decisions.
- b) The Alliance pursues thematic priorities, which are defined in a short- and medium-term work programme and can be adapted if new developments require. These thematic priorities are based on the "10 points declaration" of the Alliance and will also be geared to the annual Commission work programme and will take into account ecological, economic and technological developments. On this basis, the host region decides about the topic of the annual meeting.
- c) The Alliance will meet once a year for the "Automotive Regions Alliance Annual Conference" organised by the chair-region. The chair-region shall change at this Annual Conference based on the agreed ARA working methods.
- d) The Alliance cooperates closely with relevant political actors and the entire automotive industry and the associated supplier industry as well as relevant stakeholders (e.g. from industry, social partners, research, etc.). These include also the European Institutions and Member States and the Automotive Skills Alliance which is a key regional partner. The Alliance is open to all interested regions.
- e) A technical secretariat for the ARA shall be set up and maintained by the European Committee of the Regions. Together with the CoR Automotive Intergroup, the technical secretariat shall foster exchange between the member regions and facilitate working level meetings or video conferences.

¹ <https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/Pages/Automotive-Regions-Alliance.aspx#0>