

The Automotive Skills Alliance and European Battery Alliance Academy join forces to bridge growing skills gap across the mobility and battery supply chain

Memorandum of Understanding will create a strategic partnership on re- and up-skilling actions in the field of the mobility ecosystem

22 November 2022: [The Automotive Skills Alliance](#) (ASA) and [European Battery Alliance Academy](#) backed by [EIT InnoEnergy](#), the innovation engine for sustainable energy supported by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT), an institution of the European Union have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a strategic partnership that will upskill and provide additional skills to the current mobility and battery industry to meet the demands of the growing sector.

It's expected that the battery supply chain alone will require 4M jobs by 2025 as the energy transition continues to accelerate, with 800K workers required to have access to additional training to meet demand. A collaborative and coordinated approach is necessary to ensure Europe takes a leading role in driving the transition as the sector dramatically increases in scale.

The MOU will connect the ASA, a large-scale partnership in the automotive-mobility ecosystem, under the European Skills Agenda Pact for Skills action, and EBAA, a platform by the industry and for the industry, aimed at deploying training courses based on the skills and needs of the sector in collaboration with training professionals in every country within the European Economic Area. This collaboration will create a single pan-European framework to enable upskilling and reskilling for the automotive labour force across the entire mobility sector and battery value chain. It will provide an independent platform to facilitate contacts between industry, education providers, regions, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders to speed-up the green and digital transition.

Oana Penu at the EBAA comments: *"This collaboration will give the added boost the rapidly growing European battery value chain requires to succeed. That's why this agreement is so important today! Our industry-led approach will drive the needed education and training to ensure we provide our workers with the skills to manage the burgeoning demand of our energy transition. The ASA will add greatly to this mission, enabling us to accelerate the development of our European mobility industry."*

The strategic partnership will contribute to reaching the goals of the European Green Deal and reducing the carbon footprint of the mobility industry, while also empowering the European workforce within the framework of the Pact for Skills. Through cooperation, the partners can jointly reach various stakeholders to present the opportunities arising from the transformation and ensure that social and regional stakeholders can contribute to speeding up transition efforts.

Jakub Stolfa, ASA President, at the ASA added:

“Successful transformation of the automotive-mobility ecosystem towards electrification requires massive and coordinated support of up- and re-skilling of the European workforce within the growing European Battery value-chain. The cooperation of the Automotive Skills Alliance and the European Battery Alliance Academy is a great and important step forward to address the skills needs and gaps, and to connect training opportunities to support of the developing European Battery industry. We are ready to jointly deliver tangible results, covering the entire ecosystem through this strategic partnership, from the industrial partners, education and training providers to regions all around Europe.”

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed today in Brussels as part of the event *“Automotive regions in the crossroad: how can policy making and industry manage the transition?”*. The ASA and EBAA believe their cooperation will enable them to leverage the unique strengths of each partner and thus contribute to managing the transition in automotive regions.

To read the full Memorandum of Understanding, visit the ASA website ([link](#)).

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EIT InnoEnergy is the driving force behind three strategic European initiatives which include the [European Battery Alliance Academy](#) (EBAA), [the European Green Hydrogen Acceleration Centre](#) (EGHAC).

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About the Automotive Skills Alliance (ASA)

[The ASA](#) is a large-scale partnership founded under the Pact for Skills. It connects partners from the automotive industry, social partners and educational institutions within the automotive-mobility ecosystem. Its goal is to contribute to a better coordination of relationships at the European level of all the relevant national or regional stakeholders in the ecosystem, in order to ensure and develop a common platform for collaboration and best practice sharing across borders.

The activities of the ASA focus on promoting innovation and cooperation in the area of upskilling and reskilling of the workforce. Since the launch of the alliance, partners have been collaborating under the umbrella of four main Working Groups focused on Horizontal Issues, Communication and Dissemination, Skills Intelligence, and Regional Implementation. Several dedicated technical working groups function within the area of Skills Intelligence. Today, the ASA connects more than 90 partners motivated to ensure the digital and green transition will leave no one behind. The goal of the alliance is to ensure the upskilling of 5% of the automotive workforce each year for seven years, resulting in roughly 700,000 people being upskilled throughout the ecosystem.