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## Press release

### 2019 Annual Meeting

The DRIVES project, an ERASMUS+ Blueprint Sector Skills Alliance for the automotive sector, is celebrating its one-year anniversary.

The 24 consortium members of the project DRIVES had a two-day work session in Lomazzo, Italy, hosted by the ComoNExT<sup>1</sup> innovation hub, to share their accomplishments in 2018 and talk about the next steps, in their mission to study the future skills needs of the automotive sector.

Each of the project's work packages, together with the Steering Board members, joined by a representative from the European Commission's DG GROW<sup>2</sup>, presented and discussed the projects achievements this past year.

During this period, the project reached almost four hundred stakeholders, small and large, that are part of the bedrock the automotive sector, inviting them to be part of the discussion. Moreover, the consortium has identified 20+ important job roles in this industry, with which VET and Universities partners will prepare teaching material to deliver pilot trainings.

As first results will be seen, the partnership faces the challenging dynamics of the project, focusing on all measures to ensure successful roll-up - have a sustainable framework of solutions for the long term, reflecting the changing environment of the automotive sector.



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<sup>1</sup> [Scientific Technological Park ComoNExT](#)

<sup>2</sup> Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Throughout the two-day meetings, dedicated workshops allowed thorough discussions on skills transferability, apprenticeship marketplace and sustainability of project results.

DRIVES was present at several events since the kickoff meeting, in January 2018, to boost the project dissemination among stakeholders. The promotion seminar in November 2018, involving external stakeholders, to share experience among running blueprints<sup>3</sup> in different sectors and maximise impact beyond the partnerships, was the window offered by EASME. The Directorate of Transport also organised an event/exhibition with the different transport modes, allowing to showcase DRIVES project.

DRIVES is an important follow-up of the GEAR 2030 recommendations; the strategy being developed is one of a kind and crucial for the future of the automotive industry.

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<sup>3</sup> [First Seminar of the Blueprint for Sectoral skills projects](#)