

There are major changes within and related to the job of professional driving ahead of us, and these changes need to be planned for and supported by vocational education and training to reach its full potential. They require actions to avoid a further increase in today's major deficit of skilled workers in the profession, which continues to belong in the top ten jobs that employers have difficulty filling today and during the last decade. For this reason it is of major importance to think ahead of time and to develop a future vision of the profession with consideration for megatrends, trends and innovations that will influence this occupational profile. The FutureDRV project investigates the future of professional driving by taking a look into the tasks and role of professional drivers, their qualification requirements and learning in 2030 and beyond.

FutureDRV understands the way towards a well-qualified future workforce within professional driving as a joined effort that requires the engagement of different groups of stakeholders. It approaches not only a single set of competences or measures to be addressed/ undertaken by an individual stakeholder with its approach but takes this occupation as a whole into the focus. It, therefore, approaches the future of professional driving from different angles to address those aspects sufficiently and comprehensively.

In order to ensure the consideration of very different perspectives within the project the FutureDRV consortium is continuously looking for associated partners in order to be in continuous exchange alongside project work. Associated partners can be:

- **institutions and organisations** having an interest on the future of the professional driver occupation and professional driving in general and
- projects (national, European or international ones) dealing with the future of professional driving or directly related fields.

Associated partners receive prior access to the findings and the results of the FutureDRV project and are given the opportunity to bring in their own ideas on the project implementation. They support the FutureDRV consortium by contributing themselves in surveys and consultations, spreading those within their own network and supporting dissemination of FutureDRV project results. Associated partners will be listed on the FutureDRV website and will be invited to the FutureDRV conference taking place in June 2019 in Germany gathering experts, stakeholders and policy makers to discuss the future of professional driving.

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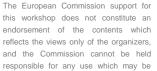
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