



SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

Memorandum of Understanding

Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic (AIA SR) is open, representative and unifying organization of the Slovak automotive industry. The Automotive Industry Association has 174 members, including car producers in Slovakia (Volkswagen Slovakia, PSA Peugeot Citroën Slovakia and Kia Motors Slovakia) as well as automotive components suppliers. Aim of the AIA is creation of optimal condition for sustainable competitiveness of the Slovak automotive industry. AIA has intention to build-up research and development base in cooperation with Slovak universities, Slovak Academy of Sciences and automotive industry.

Slovak Academy of Sciences intends to build-up research Centre of Excellence for advanced materials application (CEMEA) within the Horizon 2020 project proposal. Joint research Centre CEMEA will be based on long-term strategic cooperation between VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and University of Helsinki (Finland).

In this Memorandum of Understanding the Automotive Industry Association declares interest to coordinate cooperation of the Slovak automotive industry with Slovak Academy of Sciences in the frame of the new Centre CEMEA with the aim to build-up research and development base and strengthen transfer of knowledge from academic laboratories to potential end-users.

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