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'In a crisis all companies are focusing on cash but leading companies are preparing themselves to emerge from the crisis stronger than their competitors'

said Claude Thibaut de Maisières, Chairman EuPC Automotive & Transport Division.

## Passenger Cars

New passenger car registrations declined for the twelfth consecutive month in Europe, 12.3% less than in the same month a year ago.

According to ACEA report, new registrations in Western Europe dipped 11.6% in April. The only nations to report growth in registrations were Austria and Germany. The growth was driven by renewal incentives. At the same time, neighbouring countries with such schemes in place, such as France, Italy and Luxemburg recorded a single-

digit decrease, while other markets declined more severely. The new EU Member States witnessed a drop of 21.4% in April, with 83,430 new cars registration. Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia posted growth, while Hungary and Romania recorded a sharp downturn. Thursday, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association or ACEA said the European new passenger car registrations fell for the twelfth straight month in April.

Source: ACEA

## European automotive industry looking bleak – report says

In March 2009, the IHS Global Insight released a report entitled "Impact of the Financial and Economic Crisis on European Industries".

The report, commissioned by the European Parliament looks at the impact of the crisis on the automotive sector and on the economy. The findings in the report show low figures in both vehicle sales and vehicle

production. In the period beginning 2008- end 2009, the vehicle production registered a slump of 20%. It is also mentioned that this crash will affect virtually all manufacturers with a cash burn between 18 billion euro and 30 billion euro in 2009 in Europe alone. The report concludes that a strong injection of financial support in successful solutions and strong policies are needed to improve the situation in Europe.

The Executive Summary of the report:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/automotive/pages/background/competitiveness/ihs\\_gi\\_paper\\_march2009.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/automotive/pages/background/competitiveness/ihs_gi_paper_march2009.pdf)

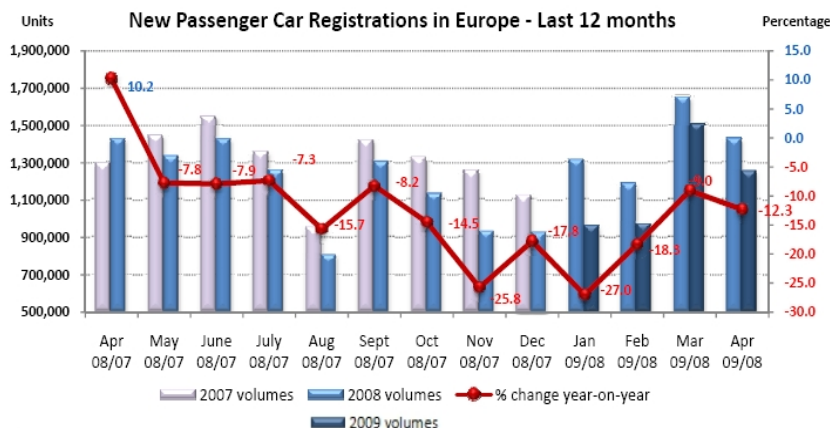
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## EIB lends 3 billion euros to the European automotive industry

In March, the European Investment Bank (EIB) approved 3 billion euros in loans to the European automotive industry. These loans are targeted towards improving fuel efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions. The lending is part of the agreement reached last year by EU finance ministers and leaders and it represents an increase of 30 billion euro, calculated for 2009-2010. Submissions are planned for June, which could exceed 7 billion euros by mid-year.

Source: Reuters



## High level representatives met to discuss the European recovery plan 2010-2013 - Public Private Partnerships in Research Activities

In March the 30<sup>th</sup>, the Commissioner Potočník, Commissioner for Science and Research, the Chairman of ERTRAC, Wolfgang Steiger, and other high-level representatives of industry met to have a closer look and discuss further activities concerning implementation of the research elements concerning the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for the "Factories of the Future", "Energy-efficient Buildings" and "Green Cars".

These initiatives were included in the European Economic Recovery Plan adopted in November 2008. The participants committed themselves to develop the implementation plans for the three partnerships:

- "Factories of the Future" initiative for the manufacturing sector (€1.2 billion for R&D);
- "Energy-efficient Buildings" initiative for the construction sector (€1 billion for R&D); and
- "Green Cars" initiative for the automotive sector worth a total of €5 billion, of which €1 billion

is for research activities.  
Source: *Europa*(please include link)

## Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL) under revision

The GADSL was revised in March this year after being first released in 2005, by the Global Automotive Stakeholders Group (GASG). The GADSL list was developed as a helping tool for those stakeholders interested in looking up individual CAS no. related to the group names. The GADSL is the global effort of representatives from the automotive, automotive parts supplier (tier supplier) and chemical/plastics industries, organized under the GASG umbrella. The GASG's purpose is to facilitate communication and exchange of information regarding the use of certain substances in automotive products throughout the supply chain. The GADSL only covers substances that are expected to be present in a material or part that remains in a vehicle at point of sale. Additional information about GADSL or GASG Steering Committee members: <http://www.gadsl.org/>

## Buying a new vehicle in another Member State made easier

Starting May 2009 it will be easier for EU citizens to buy a new vehicle in any EU Member State. In the past many EU citizens have been discouraged from buying a vehicle beyond their own borders due to administrative burdens. Thanks to the Certificate of Conformity formalities will now be much easier. It will apply to all new vehicles which have been granted EC type-approval from 29 April 2009. The possession of the Certificate of Conformity will be obligatory for the registration of any new vehicle in any Member State.

This Certificate is an administrative document delivered by the manufacturer to the purchaser. It proves that a vehicle complies with all the technical provisions in force in the European Union and that it can therefore be freely put into circulation in any Member State. Ad from now on, any manufacturer holding a Community type-approval will be obliged to issue the Certificate of Conformity, thus enabling purchasers to register a vehicle in any EU Member State. The Certificate of Conformity includes also environmental performance data, which are increasingly necessary for vehicle taxation schemes.

## EuPC Upcoming events

3	June 2009	Steering Committee Meeting	Cascais, Portugal
4	June 2009	Packaging Forum	Cascais, Portugal
4	June 2009	Building & Construction Division Meeting	Cascais, Portugal
4	June 2009	Automotive & Transport Division Meeting	Cascais, Portugal
4	June 2009	BSP Meeting	Cascais, Portugal
4	June 2009	Eu Plastvoltage meeting	Cascais, Portugal
5	June 2009	General Assembly	Cascais, Portugal
15	September 2009	Packaging Excom	Brussels, EuPC offices
16	September 2009	Steering Committee Meeting	Brussels, EuPC offices
22-23	September 2009	NPA Platform Meeting	Copenhagen, Denmark