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Call for papers for the special session

COMPARATIVE POLICY APPROACHES IN THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOW CARBON VEHICLE SECTOR

Session Organisers:

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Description:

The development of the Low Carbon Vehicle (LCV) sector has been necessitated by the global challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the de-carbonising of transport networks worldwide. Central to this process is an enormous shift away from traditional Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) transport technologies – powered by the consumption of fossil fuels – toward greener vehicles with a smaller carbon footprint.

This transition has seen the emergence of the LCV sector as a significant industrial segment within the global automotive industry, offering new market opportunities for established automakers as well as encouraging the emergence of a diverse range of new suppliers and manufacturers seeking to exploit

emerging niche markets. In turn this newly developing sector has required major policy intervention by international, national and regional actors to promote the development of the LCV sector as well as the consumption and diffusion of LCV technologies in passenger and commercial vehicles.

This session aims to focus on research comparing and contrasting the role of policy in the regional development of the LCV sector in terms of production and consumption, with a specific focus on;

- Identifying emerging regional trends in the development of the LCV manufacturing sector
- Comparing regional policy initiatives and identifying best practises in the development of the sector
- Disseminating information from ongoing mapping exercises of the LCV manufacturing sector
- Examining the role of sustainable mobility and social inclusion in LCV motoring and production
- Analysing ongoing private and public regional transport initiatives aimed at promoting LCV motoring
- Identifying and analysing LCV regional variations in consumption patterns

Submission guidelines:

If you are interested in participating in the session you should submit your abstract and register for the conference here:

<https://members.regionalstudies.org/lounge/Meetings/Meeting?ID=88>

Abstract submission deadline: Friday 30th January 2015

Special issue in the *International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management*

A special issue of the *International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management* on this specific session theme will be published under the Guest Editorship of the convenors. Papers submitted to this special issue will be subject to a peer-review process.