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AVERE
the European Association for
Battery, Hybrid and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles

AVERE is a non profit-making association, founded in 1978 under the aegis of the European Community, as a European network of industrial manufacturers and suppliers for electric vehicles. The Association's goal is to promote the use of Battery, Hybrid and Fuel cell electric vehicle and to rationalize the efforts of its member companies in the scientific and technological developments. It is composed by national Associations, 11 up to now, indirectly representing over 500 companies active in the field. With EDTA, covering the Americas and EVAAP, covering Asia Pacific, AVERE forms the World Electric Vehicle Association. AVERE organizes every year workshops or conferences and in particular EET, the European ELE-DRIVE Transportation Conference, or EVS, the Worldwide International Battery, Hybrid and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Symposium & Exhibition of which next edition will be held in Monte Carlo from 2nd to 6th April 2005. The association has also a long lasting action in the field of standardization for electric driven vehicles. Its first activity on this subject took place in the framework of the action COST302 (1980-1983).



AVERE was also the coordinator of ELEDRIVE, the EU Commission's Thematic Network on Fuel Cells and their applications for Electric & Hybrid Vehicles, gathering 41 partners.

The association is currently involved in different projects related to Hydrogen, like HYSOCIETY, or mobility management systems, like IMMACULATE or the European Mobility Week. It is now

coordinating the SUBAT project that will help the EU Commission to take adequate decision regarding maintain, or not, of cadmium, in the exemption list of Directive 2000/53 on End-of-Life Vehicles. Finally, AVERE will coordinate the coming HARMONHY 12 month project aiming to make an assessment of the activities on hydrogen and fuel cell related regulations and standards on a worldwide level. On this basis gaps will be identified and propositions to solve fragmentation will be made. The above shows that AVERE offers its members a vast experience and network to disseminate the results of their activities as well as to facilitate co-operation between the actors and unlock synergies. With the AVERE member's network, finding partners in other European countries is no longer a problem but an opportunity.

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