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Subject: Exclusion of Automotive Regions Alliance (ARA) from automotive sector meeting of 12 September

The European automotive sector is facing major challenges because of the green and digital transition. In this context, it is essential to have dialogue between all institutional and industrial entities to come up with effective and shared solutions.

The Automotive Regions Alliance (ARA), which brings together more than 40 European regions with a strong manufacturing presence and strategic supply chains in the sector, is an important representative to have on the journey through these changes.

However, it was not invited to the meeting with the automotive sector held on 12 September, organised as part of the strategic dialogue on the future of the sector. This decision has been met with criticism from regional representatives, who have stressed that excluding such a representative body limits the potential to present concrete proposals and local experience relevant to the decision-making process.

In view of the above:

1. Excluding an association representing a large number European regions sends the wrong message for institutional dialogue. Why was the ARA not invited to the automotive sector meeting of 12 September?
2. Will it involve the ARA in future discussions and strategic consultations?
3. What steps will it take to ensure truly inclusive and representative participation in the automotive sector's transition process?

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