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# Standardisation, certification and testing activities in the European VRA Support Action

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# VRA in Short

VRA – Vehicle and Road Automation is a support action funded by the European Union to create a collaboration network of experts and stakeholders working on deployment of automated vehicles and its related infrastructure



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# Objectives of VRA Support Action

Create an active European network of experts on Vehicle and Road Automation and foster cooperation within the Automation WG



Contribute to EU-US-JPN trilateral WG on road vehicle automation (EC – US DoT – MLIT)

Identify deployment needs for Vehicle and Road Automation

*Deployment paths, Regulatory issues, Roadworthiness Testing, Connectivity, Human Factors, Digital Infrastructure, Evaluation of Benefits, Decision and Control Algorithms*

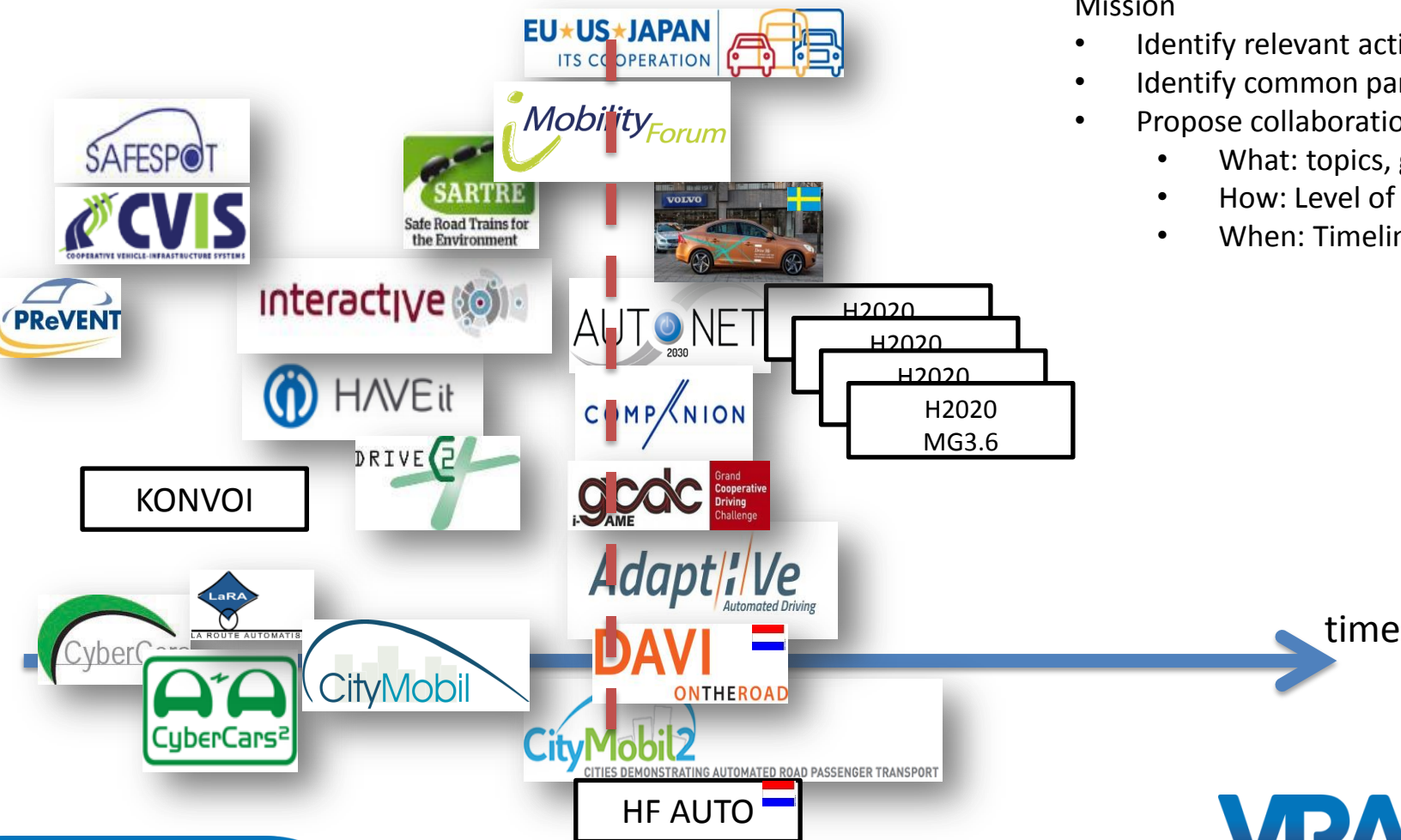
**[VRA-net.eu/wiki](http://VRA-net.eu/wiki)**

Promote the Research on Vehicle and Road Automation



# Role of VRA as facilitator for collaboration between national and EU-funded activities

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## Mission

- Identify relevant activities
- Identify common partners
- Propose collaboration
  - What: topics, gaps
  - How: Level of collaboration
  - When: Timeline

# VRA: hot topics discussed in Sub-WGs of the iMF Automation WG

## Deployment paths (VOLVO)

- Viable business models and deployment paths including socio-economic implications

## Regulatory issues (ERTICO)

- Clarify current regulatory and liability issues among European countries

## Road Worthiness Testing (IDIADA)

- Identify needs for standardisation, testing, compliance and certification

## Connectivity (ICCS)

- Identify additional requirement on C-ITS

## Digital infrastructure (HERE - ERTICO)

- Identify role of digital maps for automation

## Human factors (DLR-TRL-LEEDS)

- Identify solutions for driver and other road user interactions

## Evaluation of benefits (CTL)

- List potential direct and indirect benefits of automation

## Controls and decisions (DLR)

- Identify gaps in current control and decision solutions

## Reliability and CyberSecurity (→HTG6)

- Clarify reliability concerns and make recommendations

# Standardisation and certification

- Objectives
  - Convene discussion group meetings to agree on the approach towards standardisation and certification
  - Lead and contribute to the European position on standardisation and certification of automation and automated vehicles in Europe
  - Contribute to the Tri-Lateral meetings US-EU-Japan
  - Promote cooperation between R&D projects through concertation
  - Issue a position or white paper on the topic at the end of the project

# VRA & AWG activities

- Meetings & Telecalls
  - Joint VRA and AWG workshops
  - Dedicated sessions on Standardization and Certification
  - Main challenges & action points identified
- AWG - Roadworthiness testing discussion group
  - Specific discussion group
  - Roadworthiness and development testing
  - Potential topic on standardization and certification
- Presentations at forums
  - SIS on ITS Helsinki on testing and standardisation
  - SIS organized in ITS Detroit
  - Workshop on Connected and Automated Driving Systems (Tokyo)

# Activity Outputs

- Topic list regarding standards and testing needs
  - On the scope of the AWG
  - Topic list to discuss during the trilateral meetings
- Action points on the AWG objectives
  - Glossary of terms
  - Standard baseline
  - Testing tools and methodologies
- Main technical challenges and needs identification



# Challenges & Needs identified

- Standardisation
  - *Gap identification on current standards*
  - *Generic architecture / E/E Architecture*
  - *V2X extension*
  - *Cybersecurity at all levels*
  - *Scenario definition*
  - *Roadworthiness – Performance requirements*
  - *Functional safety*
  - *Human factors*
- Certification
  - Basic technology certification: System, component, subcomponent level
  - V2X communications extension
  - Interoperability and vehicle interaction e.g. scenario based
  - Road capabilities for automation
  - Type approval (safety minimum performance)

# Issues

- Prioritize topics for standardization and thus, certification, as for instance:
  - Human factors: mandatory mechanisms to get driver in the loop?
  - Connected vehicles – open comm. Interfaces – vehicle interaction
  - Digital map information – open data format
  - Safety relevant minimum performance features
  - GNSS performances
- Dependence with level of automation is very high
- Technology agnostic standards
- Introduce international SDOs in the process
- Link standardisation and certification with national and international research programs
- Foster interoperability through TESTFEST and field tests
- Follow up current certification (EMC, Crash,...)
- Legal issues on certification (type approval)

# Next steps

- Continue cooperation among the AWG discussion groups
- International cooperation and harmonisation
  - Concertation with R&D projects not only at European level
  - Trilateral cooperation
  - International legislation and standardisation and certification impact
  - Identify standardisation initiatives in US and Japan
  - Identify certification requirements and needs at international level
- Continue the networking activity

# Thank you very much for your time!

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