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EUCAR welcomes European Commission call for proposals for Seventh Framework Programme and looks forward to Horizon 2020

Brussels, 9 July 2012 - Today the European Commission is announcing its call for proposals for the 2013 Work Programme of the Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7), with co-funding totalling €8.1bn.

EUCAR welcomes the opportunities that this call provides to its members, the 14 major European automotive manufacturers, and their research partners. Automotive research opportunities include the European Green Cars Initiative, ICT for Mobility and Factories of the Future.

EUCAR's members are currently involved in about 60 EU projects, collaborating with automotive suppliers, universities, research centres and SMEs to leverage broad international expertise and create valuable results for further innovation. The European Commission's in-depth consultation and partnering with stakeholders ensures alignment with societal challenges and industrial needs.

As the final call for proposals of FP7, this represents a transition towards Horizon 2020, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation from 2014-2020. EUCAR is therefore looking forward to Horizon 2020 building on the foundations laid by FP7, incorporating automotive R&I initiatives which support the sector's societal goals and competitiveness, and which accelerating the process of project creation.

EUCAR reiterates its call for the proposed budget of Horizon 2020 of €80bn to be at least maintained, to provide the necessary support for EU research and innovation.

EUCAR position on Horizon 2020: www.eucar.be/horizon_2020_position

About EUCAR

EUCAR is the European Council for Automotive R&D of the major European passenger car and commercial vehicle manufacturers. EUCAR facilitates and coordinates pre-competitive research and development projects and its members participate in a wide range of collaborative European R&D programmes. The European automobile manufacturers are the largest private investors in R&D in Europe with over €26 billion investment per annum, or 5% of turnover. EUCAR members are BMW, DAF, Daimler, Fiat, Ford of Europe, GM/Opel, Jaguar Land Rover, Porsche, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Renault, Scania, Volkswagen, Volvo Cars and Volvo Group. EUCAR is closely connected to ACEA, the European Automobile Manufacturers Association.

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