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## FORVIA & CENTRALSUPELEC to build together the future of smart vehicles

- Through its Electronics business group, FORVIA seeks to leverage their expertise and research activities on data fusion and image processing to improve safety on the roads.
- In this framework, Electronics signed a 4-year collaboration with CentraleSupélec, a French Higher Education and Research Institution specialized in engineering and systems sciences.

FORVIA, the 7<sup>th</sup> world-largest automotive technology supplier, sets up a 4-year strategic partnership with CentraleSupélec, a renowned French Higher Education and Research Institution specialized in engineering and systems sciences, to shape the future of Smart Vehicles. In pursuit of scientific advancements, FORVIA's Clarion Electronics business group will harness its expertise and research activities in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for automotive applications, with a focus on data fusion and image processing.

This partnership will materialize through the Chair between FORVIA and CentraleSupélec "Massive & Heterogeneous Data processing for Smart Vehicles". The primary goal of this academic cooperation is to develop cutting-edge research programs focusing on image processing under challenging environmental conditions, sensor fusion, and deep learning. By fostering collaboration between students, researchers, and engineers, the initiative aims to strengthen the ties between research disciplines and business challenges.

CentraleSupélec, known for its engineering education, is committed to training highly qualified professionals, including master's and doctoral candidates. By partnering with FORVIA, the school seeks to enhance its research efforts in artificial intelligence and provide support to the new generation of talented engineers working on doctoral theses in the AI field. The intent is to publish the findings and theories to an international audience, further contributing to the advancement of AI in the automotive industry.

"We are delighted to embark on this journey between CentraleSupélec and FORVIA. We believe this chair will bring our cooperation to a new step in shaping the future of AI in the automotive industry to develop breakthrough solutions and enhance safe & digital mobility," said Vanessa Picron, Innovation, Strategy & Automated Driving Product Division Vice-President. "FORVIA and CentraleSupélec have been partners for many years. Through this

instrumental collaboration, FORVIA has welcomed talents from CentraleSupélec in their early career to make them grow in our organization up to top levels".

"FORVIA is a long-standing research partner of CentraleSupélec, particularly in the fields of mechatronics and materials. We are extremely pleased to extend the scope of our collaboration to artificial intelligence for smart vehicles and the future of mobility. The partnership with FORVIA is exemplary of academic and industrial collaboration in its ability to generate scientific discoveries for the benefit of innovation", said Paul-Henry Cournède, CentraleSupélec Dean of Research.

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