

## A conference on Electric Mobility held by Belgian FEDERAUTO



On December 16 last year the Belgian Federation of Car Traders and Repairers called the motoring press and automotive professionals together for a remarkable conference on Electric Mobility and the creation of Federauto electric mobility ( FEM). It is no secret that electric car technology presents no unsurmountable problems for car manufacturers, indeed, car makers like Renault make it seem even a rather effortless affair. The crux of the matter remains battery technology of course, and how to keep the electric cars charged with electric energy in our cities, suburbs and countryside. Setting up the infrastructure needed for this electric mobility is a truly daunting task. Governments need to establish clear master plans to bring the new electric mobility to their citizens, and promote the industry.



*Setting up the appropriate infrastructure to keep electric vehicles charged in cities and extra-urban areas is a challenge which European governments will have to tackle together with manufacturers...*

Federauto appealed to the Belgian government to put forward a clear masterplan. Also the Flemish, Brussels and Walloon regions need to play their role here.

Also decisive and important measures have to be taken urgently by Federal and regional governments to attract electric car manufacturing and research to our regions, creating also new activities for our Belgian automotive suppliers' industry.

Federauto made a strong appeal to establish a working platform with the respective Belgian authorities to discuss challenges and opportunities and to work out a projection about where Belgium wants to be with its Electric Mobility in 2020. The neighboring countries have already made these projections and studies. This platform, christened FEDERAUTO Electric Mobility, was put in the spotlight at this conference. Federauto also works closely together with the European interest group AVERE (the European Association for Battery, Hybrid and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles) and his Belgian section ASBE where the Brussels VUB University is a driving and inspiring force.



*The conference was well-attended by both motoring press and automotive sector professionals and representatives.*

Concerning car distribution, Federauto wants also to play a facilitating role for all the car professionals who take initiatives in the distribution and maintenance of electric cars. Through her training institute EDUCAM, Federauto wants to offer training to present and future technical personnel who will deal with these electric cars...

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