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International

ACEA: EU Parliament Proposals on Car CO2 Targets Unrealistic

A new study by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) shows that the affordability of electric cars remains a strong deterrent for customers across the EU. The analysis, which compares national data on the market uptake of electrically-chargeable vehicles (ECVs) with GDP per capita, shows that the market share of ECVs is close to 0% in countries with a GDP below €18,000, while it is no more than 0.75% in half of all EU member states. As members of European Parliament committees get ready to vote on the European Commission's proposal for post-2020 car CO2 targets in less than two weeks, ACEA cautions that the goals must be realistic, taking into account what people can afford to buy.

<https://www.acea.be/press-releases/article/car-co2-targets-eu-parliament-proposals-unrealistic-study-on-electric-car-a>

Tenneco Stockholders Approve Federal-Mogul Acquisition

Tenneco Inc. has announced that at a recent meeting its stockholders approved all of the proposals necessary to complete the acquisition of Federal-Mogul LLC. With more than 85% of eligible shares voting, Tenneco stockholders approved a proposal to adopt an amended and restated certificate of incorporation that creates a new class of non-voting common stock, and reclassifies existing common stock as voting common stock; a proposal to approve the issuance of stock consideration to be paid for the acquisition of Federal-Mogul; and a proposal to approve the amended and restated Tenneco Inc. 2006 long-term incentive plan to change the number of shares available for issuance. During the meeting, the company announced that it had received the regulatory approvals required to close, and that it expects the Federal-Mogul acquisition will close on October 1, 2018.

<https://www.marketwatch.com/press-release/tenneco-stockholders-approve-proposals-related-to-federal-mogul-acquisition-2018-09-12>

Belarus

BelGee to Raise Output to 1,400 Cars Per Month by Year End

BelGee intends to increase car output to 1,400 units per month by the end of the year, BelTA learned from the company's acting CEO Gennady Svidersky. At present BelGee makes about 50 cars every eight-hour shift or 1,000 cars per month and intends to make a total of about 9,000 vehicles this year. The executive said: "From the point of sales we have to raise the output at this stage because the demand exceeds the available manufacturing capacity. By the end of the year, we intend to raise the output up to 70 cars per shift or 1,400 cars per month. We've already hired the extra workers and are training them to operate the equipment." Svidersky also said that the company seeks to expand in new export markets by 2020. "We plan to start sales in Eastern Europe and the Eurasian Economic Union. Negotiations have already been held with possible distribution partner in Moldova and Kazakhstan. It is quite a complicated task," Svidersky noted. According to him, out of five cars, four will be exported while one will stay in the country. Until the end of the year, the company intends to sell 700 vehicles in Russia each month.

<http://eng.belta.by/economics/view/belarusian-chinese-car-maker-belgee-to-raise-output-to-1400-cars-per-month-by-year-end-114769-2018/>

Bulgaria

odelo Farba Bulgaria is Looking to Employ 400 People

odelo Farba Bulgaria EOOD, which is building a new headlights manufacturing plant in the Trakia Economic Zone (TEZ), has started the recruitment process for various positions. The company needs a total of 400 workers, mostly technical specialists – electricians and mechanics, process engineers and others. By 2019, 140 people will be hired, and by 2023 their number will grow to 400, according to the official announcement from the TEZ. The firm, which is owned by Turkish Bayraktarlar Holding, is currently discussing the salaries of future employees and is expected to announce them in October. According to sources of Money.bg, the average salary at the company will be relatively high for Bulgaria, somewhere in the range of BGN 1500-1600 (€770-820).

<https://www.novinite.com/articles/192200/The+Mercedes+Headlights+Factory+near+Plovdiv+is+Looking+to+Employ+400+People>

Czech Republic

Škoda Auto to Invest €2 Billion in Electric Cars

Czech daily Hospodarske noviny reports that Škoda Auto intends to invest over €2 billion over the next two years in the development of electric vehicles and automation. Without this investment, it does not believe it will be able to ensure its compliance with newer European emission standards in the future. It expects to showcase its new electric version of the CitiGo by next year. The car will be available for pre-order in the first quarter of 2019, and is expected to have a range of about 300 km. It also hopes to have its all-new concept car, Vision E with a range of 600 km on the market by 2020.

<http://www.praguemonitor.com/2018/09/19/%C5%A1koda-auto-invest-eur-2-billion-electric-cars-and-emission-limits>

Advanex to Open Manufacturing Plant in Horní Počernice

Advanex, a Japanese manufacturer of precision metal components, plans to open its first factory in the Czech Republic in spring 2019. The firm has leased facilities with an area of 7,300 square metres at Park P3 Prague v Horní Počernice, where it will install production equipment and lines, as well as offices. Advanex is investing €5 million in the project. It also plans to recruit employees in connection with the start of production. Advanex manufactures metal components particularly for the automotive and healthcare industries and has operations in 23 countries including Great Britain, China, the United States and Thailand.

<https://www.czechinvest.org/en/Homepage/News/September-2018/Japanese-firm-Advanex-to-open-manufacturing-plant-in-Horni-Pocernice>

Škoda Unions Oppose Moving Superb Output to Germany

Trade unions at Volkswagen Group's Czech unit Škoda oppose any idea of moving some of the production of its flagship Superb to German plants. Discussions about shifting some production to VW's Emden plant have started again within the parent company's management, the unions said in a statement. The unions' committee

“categorically rejected the possibility of moving Superb car production to another location outside the Czech Republic,” they said in the statement, published in their weekly newsletter on their website.

<http://europe.autonews.com/article/20180913/ANE/180919865/skoda-unions-oppose-moving-superb-output-to-germany>

Škoda Achieves Best August Result in Company's History

Global demand for Škoda models continues to rise: In August, the Czech brand delivered 91,800 vehicles to customers, exceeding the previous year's result by 6.6% (August 2017: 86,100 vehicles). Škoda achieved particularly high growth rates in Russia (+33.5%) and China (+11.5%). Once again, the company also grew in Europe compared to the same period last year (+6.0%). Growth was driven by the high number of deliveries of the Škoda models Karoq, the recently modernised Fabia and the Citigo. The company announced that it would present the Kodiaq RS, the model variants Karoq Scout and Karoq Sportline as well as the Vision RS concept study in Paris in early October.

<https://www.skoda-storyboard.com/en/press-releases/skoda-achieves-best-august-result-in-companys-history/>

Hungary

Continental to Increase Presence in Hungary with 7th Plant

Continental is further strengthening its presence in Hungary by building a new manufacturing plant in the country. The foundation stone has been laid for the automotive electronic component facility in Debrecen. The latest unit of Continental will cover an area of 7,000 square metres as an expansion of the company group's Hungarian sites. Continental, as a top global automotive supplier, has made a greenfield investment of €100 million in the establishment to create another 450 jobs intending to intensify the capacity that its six factories and the trade centre can currently offer in Hungary. Continental AG, which provides work to more than 243 thousand employees worldwide, recorded a global revenue of €44 billion last year. Today the company is ranked among the top 5 Tier-1 suppliers. It started to build its presence in the country in 1991, which was followed by continuous expansion, making the Hungarian locations take a significant role in the global company group's life. At present all the five divisions are there in Hungary with six production plants.

<https://hipa.hu/continental-is-further-strengthening-its-european-presence-in-hungary>

Maform Signs Major Deal With Japanese Phiaro

Hungarian industrial design studio Maform Design, the company behind the redesign of the Samsung Galaxy Gear Edge smartwatch, as well as the creation of the Modulo city bus and the Velo class bicycle counter, has announced an exclusive partnership with the Japanese Phiaro Group. Maform Design will assist Phiaro with its automobile user interfaces, according to a press release sent to the Budapest Business Journal. Phiaro specialises in styling, engineering, modelling and production of vehicles, having started to produce sports cars, motorcycles, and trucks some 78 years ago.

https://bbj.hu/business/maform-signs-major-deal-with-japanese-auto-producer-phiaro_155065

Ford Opens New Regional Service Centre in Hungary

Ford has opened a new service centre in Budapest. At the opening ceremony, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó stressed that the new facility means Ford's largest administrative centre in Europe is being established in Hungary. In addition to pricing and production management functions serving all of Europe's markets, the centre will also provide HR services for all European, Middle Eastern and African countries. By the end of next year, Ford will be employing 700 people in Hungary, the majority of the young professionals with university degrees who speak several languages, the Minister highlighted. Cooperation between Hungary and Ford has reached an important milestone, which will be followed by others, Szijjártó stressed.

<https://dailynewshungary.com/ford-opens-new-regional-service-center-in-hungary/>

Production Launch at Spinto Hungária's Tool Factory in Miskolc

Spinto Hungária, specialised in the manufacturing of large-size tools, has just celebrated the inauguration of its new plant in Miskolc. Aware of the scarce production capacity and the ever more intensifying market outlet, which is particularly typical of the automotive field, the independent tool factory may have found a niche to exploit, with remarkable demand on a regional level. With Spinto's investment of around €19 million, the Hungarian tool production sector is now uniquely prepared to cover the entire size spectrum, which may eventually attract more capacity to Hungary as far as the automotive industry is concerned. Spinto is dedicated to creating 140 new jobs, where one in four will be an engineer position with high added value.

<https://hipa.hu/production-started-in-the-regionally-important-tool-factory-in-miskolc>

Rehau Lays Cornerstone for Second Plant in Hungary

The foundation stone has been laid for the latest Hungarian production unit of Rehau in Újhartyán, as part of its international expansion strategy. The Swiss-based automotive supplier, which is specialised in polymer solutions, will have its plant established through an investment of €150 million, making it the most modern in the company's global network. The plant in Újhartyán will be built in the next two years and create over 700 jobs to manufacture, among others, varnished plastic bumpers and spoilers for the car industry. The site covers an area of around 400,000 square metres, from which the plant will take up almost 63,000 square metres. It will give a home to a vast injection moulding hall and an assembly hall, alongside an ultramodern and environment-friendly varnishing hall.

<https://hipa.hu/rehau-is-to-build-its-second-plant-in-hungary>

Thyssenkrupp Wins Order to Build Chemicals Plant in Hungary

Thyssenkrupp has won an order from MOL Group to build a chemicals plant in northern Hungary, in a boost to the German conglomerate's troubled industrials unit. MOL is spending a total of about €1.2 billion on the plant, which will be able to produce 200,000 tonnes of polyether polyol a year once it starts up in 2021, the companies said in a joint statement on September 12. A spokeswoman for Thyssenkrupp noted that most of the investment volume is attributable to its Industrial Solutions division, which has been hit by cost overruns and forced the group to slash its full-year profit target in July. MOL said the plant would make it the only integrated producer of polyether polyols - which are needed for products in the automotive, construction, packaging and furniture industries - in the Central and Eastern Europe region.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/thyssenkrupp-mol-magyar-olaj/update-1-thyssenkrupp-wins-order-to-build-chemicals-plant-in-hungary-idUSL5N1VY2M6>

Lithuania

Hella Opens New Electronics Plant in Lithuania

The lighting and electronics specialist Hella has officially opened a new plant in Lithuania. With its new facility in the Kaunas region, Hella will serve the rising demand for electronics components on the European market. The production focus will initially be on lighting components and is soon to be expanded by various sensors, actuators and control units. Currently, some 70 employees are working for Hella in Lithuania. Over time, the number of employees is intended to increase to 250. The overall investment volume until the finalisation of this expansion phase will be in the mid-double-digit million euro figures. The plant in Lithuania is already the fourteenth electronics plant in the global Hella network. In particular, the well-developed infrastructure and high availability of qualified workers resulted in the decision in favour of the Lithuanian Kaunas location. After a construction period lasting a little less than a year, Hella was thus recently able to start series production across some 7,000 square metres of production space.

<https://www.hella.com/hella-com/en/press/Company-14-09-2018-17415.html>

Poland

Autoliv Starts Construction of New Plant in Jelcz-Laskowice

Polish construction firm Mostostal Warszawa has begun the expansion of the Autoliv production plant in Jelcz-Laskowice. On September 12, the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone was held. Sweden's Autoliv is a global leader in the production of safety components for the automotive industry. The company employs 66,000 workers in 27 countries. The Polish plant is Autoliv's second largest producing airbag modules. The contract for the extension of the facility in Jelcz Laskowice was signed on August 23, 2018. The total value of the investment will amount to PLN 53million (€12.3 million). The expansion is expected to be completed at the beginning of 2020.

http://www.automotivesuppliers.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19583

BLG to Operate Polish Terminal With STS Logistic

German finished vehicle logistics provider BLG has sold half of its share in the vehicle terminal it operates in Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland - Auto Terminal Slask - to STS Logistic, which provides vehicle transport services in the country and the wider Central and Eastern European region. STS Logistic already operates its terminal in Swarzedz, near Poznan. The terminal at Dabrowa Gornicza, which is in the north of Poland, operates under the BLG subsidiary ATS Logistics, of which STS Logistic is now a 50% owner. "The move is the first step in a close cooperation between the two companies in that market, and they will be further developing the site", said Pawel Byglewski, an executive manager at ATS and regional officer for Poland at BLG.

<https://automotivelogistics.media/news/145503>

The 2 Millionth Toyota Hybrid in Europe Goes to Poland

When walking into the Toyota Radosc retailer in Warsaw, Poland, little did Ms Magdalena Sobolewska-Bereza suspect she would find herself half an hour later taking the keys of her brand new Toyota C-HR Hybrid from the General Manager of Toyota Radosc, Maja Kleszczewska, during a small celebration. It turns out Ms

Sobolewska-Bereza just bought the 2 millionth hybrid sold by Toyota since the company pioneered hybrid electric technology in 2000 in Europe.

<https://newsroom.toyota.eu/and-the-2-millionth-toyota-hybrid-in-europe-goes-to--poland/>

Umicore Confirms Building Electric Battery Plant in Poland

A global leader in the field of technology and recycling of materials Umicore will once again invest in Poland. The Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH) had supported the site selection process. The Belgian investor will be manufacturing cathode materials for electric vehicles in Nysa (southern Poland). It is due to start deliveries in late 2020. The investment will create up to 400 jobs in the first phase. The CapEx totals €320 million. Umicore's choice of Poland follows that of South Korea's LG Chem, which in October 2017 said it would open Europe's largest lithium-ion battery factory in the country. "The Electromobility investors are watching Poland carefully in terms of setting up business here," - PAIH's Executive Vice President Krzysztof Senger said. He pointed out that this is one of the reasons that the Agency has decided to derive the electromobility category from its FDI portfolio. Currently, PAIH is supporting 15 electromobility projects that amount to approximately €2.9billion.

https://www.paih.gov.pl/20180913/umicore_confirms_investment_in_poland

Romania

Varroc Lighting Systems, Elba Sign JV Agreement

Varroc Lighting Systems has signed a joint venture agreement with Elba, a privately-held lighting and electronics company based in Timisoara, Romania. The terms of the agreement were not disclosed. The joint venture will focus on electronics manufacturing, and - given the continually increasing electronic content of lighting products - will significantly support Varroc Lighting's successful growth in Europe. The partnership with Elba is Varroc Lighting's second electronics-focused initiative in recent months. In July, the company acquired Sa-ba Automotive, a Turkish-based manufacturer of small lighting and electronics products. Varroc Lighting Systems, a division of the Varroc Group owned by Indian billionaire Tarang Jain, is one of the largest headlights suppliers for two- and four-wheel vehicles in the world. It is headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan and has over 7,200 employees in 17 countries.

<http://business-review.eu/business/auto/romanian-american-joint-venture-factory-in-timisoara-to-manufacture-auto-lighting-products-for-the-global-market-184654>

Russia

Volkswagen Golf Returns to the Russian Market

Volkswagen has resumed sales of the Golf hatchback in the Russian market. According to the press service of the German brand, the car can be purchased in four trim levels: Trendline, Comfortline, R-Line and Highline. Prices for vehicles start at RUB 1,429,900. The car is available only with a 1.4-litre petrol engine rated at 125 hp and 150 hp.

<http://archynewsy.com/volkswagen-returned-the-golf-hatchback-in-russia/>

GAZ Feels the Sting of US Sanctions

GAZ Group is facing supply chain disruption due to several European component suppliers ceasing trade with the company following US sanctions on companies owned or controlled by Oleg Deripaska. According to Russian business daily Vedomosti, one of the effects is the supply of electric buses to Moscow as part of a 6.35 billion ruble (€79.9 million) contract the OEM signed with the city authorities earlier this year. GAZ is now urgently looking for replacement component suppliers. Technically the sanctions imposed by the US Treasury Department against Deripaska's businesses prohibit trade with GAZ only for US businesses. However, any non-US company doing business with the carmaker could find themselves subject to secondary sanctions.

<https://automotivelogistics.media/news/gaz-feels-the-sting-of-us-sanctions>

UAZ Terminates Development of Compact Crossover

The Ulyanovsk Automobile Plant (UAZ) has ended development of a compact crossover with the internal code UAZ-3170. According to CEO of Sollers Vadim Shvetsov, the project has now changed, and the new car will not be a crossover, but "an innovative vehicle most likely under a different brand". Production of the UAZ CUV on a unibody platform was scheduled to start in 2022 with an annual volume of at least 50,000 units needed to make the investment profitable.

<https://www.napinfo.ru/en/news/cars/uaz-terminated-the-work-on-the-compact-crossover>

Serbia

Second Fiat Model May Be Added in Kragujevac From 2H19

Alfredo Leggero, Head of Manufacturing EMEA Mass Market at FCA, and Silvia Verneti, Director of Fiat Kragujevac, have arrived in Serbia to carry out negotiations and possibly extend the existing agreement with the Serbian state later this week, Politika writes. "Currently we have no reason to doubt that Fiat will stay in Serbia," Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic stated. She pointed out that the state is working on it and that she will have a meeting with the management of Fiat during the week. She pointed out that she expected Fiat's future in Serbia to be secure and that no one should be worried about Kragujevac, as it is faring much better than only a year ago thanks to the new investments. The factory is already preparing for the serial production of the hybrid 500L model. As the daily writes, it is likely that, in addition to the 500L, the new agreement will also include a completely new car model (with the internal code 601), which could be produced at the plant in the second half of 2019. The current agreement between the Serbian state and FCA expires on September 29, 2018.

<https://www.ekapija.com/en/news/2255477/fiat-601-being-prepared-in-kragujevac>

Shandong Linglong to Sell Tyres Made in Serbia to VW, Renault

Chinese tyre maker Shandong Linglong is in talks with Volkswagen and Renault for the sale of tyres that will be produced in its future factory in Serbia's Zrenjanin, Serbian president Aleksandar Vucic said on September 17. The company has offered to deliver tyres manufactured in Zrenjanin to Volkswagen and Renault starting in 2021, Vucic said in a video file posted on the website of Serbian Tanjug news agency. Shandong Linglong has

also said it intends to expand the construction of the factory beyond the scope of the initial project, Vucic added. Shandong Linglong said in August it plans to invest \$994.4 million (€870.4 million) in the construction of a tyre factory in the Zrenjanin Free Trade Zone. The construction is scheduled to start in April 2019 officially and will be carried out in three phases, with the last one to be completed in March 2025, the company said.

<https://seenews.com/news/chinas-shandong-linglong-to-sell-tyres-made-in-serbia-to-vw-renault-president-vucic-626906>

Leoni to Invest €60 Million in Fourth Factory in Serbia

German cable and wiring systems manufacturer Leoni plans to invest €60 million in the construction of a factory in Serbia's Kraljevo, the Managing Director of Leoni's Serbian unit, Clemens Sachs, said. The facility will have about 5,000 employees in 2023, Sachs said in a video file posted on the website of Tanjug news agency on September 13. Leoni intends to hire about 150 employees in Kraljevo by the end of this year and to start serial production at the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020, Sachs said. With a production area of 45,000 square metres, the Kraljevo factory will be Leoni's fourth in Serbia. In March, the Kraljevo city government said Leoni plans to build a factory in the agricultural zone of Kraljevo.

<https://seenews.com/news/germanys-leoni-to-invest-60-mln-euro-in-fourth-factory-in-serbia-626728>

Italy's GLM Opens Plant in Zrenjanin

The Italian ambassador to Serbia, Carlo Lo Cascio has opened the first factory of GLM Group in Zrenjanin. The Italy-based supplier, which specialises in the production of mechanical components for the automotive industry, currently employs 68 workers with the aim to increase this number to over 100 in the upcoming years. As RTS reports, the local unit of GLM Group will export its products to Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic. The director of GLM's division in Serbia, Radivoje Poljanac said that €5 million had been invested in the project so far and that total investment would reach up to €10 million. Poljanac pointed out that the new GLM plant would manufacture products for Audi, BMW, Ferrari, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz and Porsche cars.

<https://www.ekapija.com/en/news/2250219/italian-manufacturer-of-mechanical-car-components-glm-opens-plant-in-zrenjanin>

Slovakia

JLR to Officially Commence Production in Nitra in Coming Weeks

"Jaguar Land Rover will begin making cars in Nitra in the next few weeks," JLR Slovakia Operations Manager Alexander Wortberg announced on September 10, during a visit to the Private Polytechnic Secondary School DSA in Nitra, which cooperates with the carmaker. As for now, the plant is operating in trial production mode. At present, the company employs more than 1,300 people in Nitra, of whom 97% are Slovaks, and three-quarters of them come from this region. The plant should have about 2,800 employees by 2020. JLR plans to make 150,000 cars per year in Nitra, with the Land Rover Discovery to be the first model to roll off the factory's production line. Its next expansion plans will depend on the global automotive environment. The carmaker has not decided about it yet, but there is space to build new halls in Nitra.

<https://spectator.sme.sk/c/20913660/jaguar-land-rover-will-commence-production-in-nitra-in-the-coming-weeks.html>

Kia Unveils New ProCeed

Kia Motors has presented the first official pictures of the new ProCeed compact car. Carrying the name over from the second-generation Kia pro_ceed three-door coupé, the new ProCeed has been designed, developed and engineered in Europe. A product of Kia's European design, product development and R&D teams in Frankfurt, Germany, the ProCeed will be manufactured at the brand's Žilina production facility in Slovakia. It will be built alongside the Kia Ceed and Ceed Sportswagon, first introduced earlier this year. Matching the daring design and engineering which renders it the sportiest iteration of the new Ceed model family, the Kia ProCeed will be available exclusively as a GT Line or high-performance GT model. Production of the ProCeed shooting brake begins in November, and sales commence exclusively across Europe in the first quarter of 2019. https://press.kia.com/eu/en/home/media-resouces/press-releases/2018/Kia_introduces_new_ProCeed.html

Production of Audi Q8 Underway in Bratislava

Volume production of the new Audi Q8 large SUV is underway at the Volkswagen factory in Bratislava. "The plant is currently running at maximum capacity, as demanded by Audi," company spokesman Michal Ambrovič said. Like the Audi Q7 and the Volkswagen Touareg SUVs, the Audi Q8 is produced exclusively in Bratislava for the world market. Every day, up to 870 units of the Q8 are manufactured. Components and modules for the car are supplied to the assembly line Just-in-Time based on customer order sequence. <https://auto.sme.sk/c/20912320/v-bratislave-sa-uz-zacala-vyrabat-audi-q8-takto-to-vyzera-na-vyrobnej-linke.html>

Slovenia

Treves to Supply Components for JLR

Treves, the majority French-owned automotive supplier from Bic near Trebnje, has inaugurated a €7 million investment to supply components for thermal and acoustic insulation parts for Jaguar I-Pace electric cars. Addressing the ceremony on September 18, the company's CEO Andrej Baškovič said the investment created 65 new jobs. These included, the company employs 140 people. The components will be supplied to the Austrian-Canadian car manufacturer Magna Steyr. Treves has already been manufacturing similar parts for the compact Jaguar E-Pace SUV since last year. Treves's focus is on acoustic insulation products and is also provides new material solutions used in noise reduction. The company plans to increase sales revenue from €17 million to €20 million with projections for slight growth in sales for the coming years. <http://www.sloveniatimes.com/treves-to-supply-components-for-jaguar>

Turkey

Updated Hyundai i20 Heads for 250,000+ Deliveries in 2018

The i20 is a car which can be overlooked when considering the most important models in the global B segment. It shouldn't be. Hyundai is on course to sell around 140,000 units of this five-door hatchback in India this year and more than 100,000 in Europe. Building the i20 in India and Turkey is how Hyundai makes the business case for this model. There is no production in South Korea, nor is the car available there. HME

supplements the i20 with a slightly more expensive three-door which it sells as the i20 Coupé and the i20 Active, a version of the five-door with a higher ride height. Hyundai offers the i20 with a selection of petrol engines but no diesel engines.

https://www.just-auto.com/analysis/updated-hyundai-i20-heads-for-250000-deliveries-in-2018_id184382.aspx

Ukraine

Renault Considering Car Production in Ukraine

As it became known to Ukrainian news portal Auto-Consulting, representatives of French carmaker Groupe Renault have recently visited Ukraine to discuss the possibility of setting up car production in the country. Representatives already have held the first stage of preliminary negotiations with the Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman. The second round of talks is planned to be held soon.

<http://www.autoconsulting.com.ua/article.php?sid=42330>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- » **September 19-23:** KRASNOYARSK, RUSSIA: MOTOREXPOSHOW 2018
http://www.krasfair.ru/en/events/auto_en/
- » **September 25-30:** PLOVDIV, BULGARIA: AUTOWORLD PLOVDIV
<https://10times.com/autoworld-plovdiv>
- » **September 28-30:** TARTU, ESTONIA: MOTOSHOW 2018
<http://motoshow.ee/>
- » **October 9-10:** PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC: CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE FORUM
<http://www.ceeautomotive.com/>
- » **October 10-11:** KALUGA, RUSSIA: AUTOEVOLUTION 2018
<http://arrko.ru/en/media/iaevents/avtoevolyutsiya-2018/>
- » **October 11-14:** NITRA, SLOVAKIA: AUTOSHOW NITRA
<http://www.agrokomplex.sk/en/vystavy/autosalon-autoshow-nitra-2018/>
- » **October 17-19:** BUDAPEST, HUNGARY: AUTOMOTIVE HUNGARY 2018
<http://automotivexpo.hu/en>
- » **October 17-20:** ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN: AUTOPARTS. AUTOSHOW
<http://autoshow.kz/en/>
- » **October 18-21:** SOFIA, BULGARIA: AUTOMOTIVE FORUM & EXPO 2018
<http://www.automotive-expo.bg/index.php/en/>
- » **October 24-28:** NOVI SAD, SERBIA: INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW 2018
<https://www.sajam.net/en/>
- » **October 30 - November 1:** MINSK, BELARUS: AUTOSERVICE. MECHANICS. AUTOCOMPONENTS.
<http://www.minskexpo.com/english/avtoservis-mechanika-avtokomponenty>
- » **November 1-2:** ISTANBUL, TURKEY: INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING CONFERENCE 2018 (IAEC)
http://www.iaec.ist/Program_en.php