Title of the project	AUTOCLUSTERS
Type of the project	South East Europe Programme
Number of the project	
Investigators	Dagmar Cagáňová, Assoc. Professor, Miloš Čambál, Assoc. Professor, Jana Šujanová, Assoc. Professor, PhD., Zdenka Gyurák Bábeľová, MSc. PhD., Zuzana Lenhardtová, MSc., PhD., Miriam Ševčíková, MSc., PhD., Petra Marková, MSc., PhD., Martina Jakábová, MSc., PhD.
Time period of the project	1.4.2009 – 31.3.2012
Annotation of the project	

The Project brings together Universities, R&D institutions, SME support facilities from EU-15, NMS as well as IPA to prepare and create the first automotive network in South East Europe. The second level clustering activities proposed by the project are strictly oriented on the activities, which are improving the innovation capacities in the region and improve technology and know-how transfer - improving the innovation circle. The project in the first stage analyses the cluster's development and best practices across the regions as well as creating the connection with other existing European activities in the automotive clustering. The project focuses highly towards producing concrete results and addresses the main challenges that are particularly specific for SEE region, particularly the same across the whole EU territory.

The project is built up on experience from previous activities in Automotive industry (NEAC, Automotive Clusters, Belcar, TCAS, I-CAR-O) and in line with EU policies, especially in clustering and automotive industry. The framework's project aims to:

- Create the first sustainable network in automotive industry in SEE region with specific focus on innovation activities
- Create partnerships which consist of institutions from New Member States, non-EU members as well as well experienced institutions from EU-15
- Invite in the network not just clusters and other SME supporting facilities but directly also R&D institutions and universities
- Improve innovative capability by realizing studies of innovation capacities, exhibition in universities and dissemination outputs of our activities, exchange studies and networking activities
- Prove the concept by realizing the project samples and by generating of the proposals to FP7