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The HEADSTART project (Harmonised European Solutions for Testing Automated Road Transport), launched its activities in the kick-off meeting in Brussels

The HEADSTART kickoff meeting was held in **Brussels, Belgium on 23 & 24 January 2019**. All the **17 partners**, coming from **9 different EU countries** had the opportunity to define together the mission and operational plan of the HEADSTART project.



HEADSTART, the new EU project which will run over the next three years aims to **define testing and validation procedures on specific functionalities of Connected and Automated Driving (CAD)**. In more details HEADSTART will:

- Create a dynamic catalogue of existing methodologies, procedures, tools for testing and validation, taking into consideration the key groups requirements;
- Harmonise the existing testing and validation methodologies;
- Define and develop testing and validation methodologies for Connected and Automated Driving' functionalities building upon existing initiatives;
- Demonstrate the developed methodologies, procedures and tools through the testing of 4 specific CAD use cases;
- Reach consensus by creating and managing an expert network of CAD testing.

The kick-off meeting was organized to launch the beginning of the project and streamline the initial action plan. All the 8 Work Package Leaders had the opportunity to highlight the project goals, present their roles, responsibilities and plans towards the goals' accomplishment. The main goal of the meeting was to go-through

the project as well as to plan the project activities for the first six months. Tom Alkim, the European Commission Policy Officer and George Sarros, the Project Officer, presented the policy perspective and European Commission's expectations.

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