



English summary

The Finnish Central Organisation for Motor Trades and Repairs (AKL)

is an association that provides services to, and represents the financial and labour-market interests of

- automobile, truck and machinery sales companies, repair, painting, anti-rust and inspection companies.

Over 95 percent of new car dealers in Finland are our members.

AKL's task is to improve the operating environment of its member companies.

The goal of AKL's industrial policy lobbying is to create a favourable operating environment for road transport and member companies. AKL cooperates with different authorities and political decision makers; drafts initiatives and reports for decision makers; and participates in the preparation and drafting of public decisions at various levels. AKL carries out advocacy in cooperation with different stakeholders, such as road transport organizations and the finance and insurance industry.

In labour market lobbying, AKL negotiates and concludes collective labour agreements for the automotive industry, as well as other agreements with trade unions representing workers and salaried employees. Collective labour agreements form the foundation of AKL's other labour market activities, which include counsel and training for member companies on employment contracts and their terms, within the scope of collective labour agreements and labour legislation, as well as handling and arbitrating disputes – in Labour Court, if necessary.

The objective of AKL's **labour market and education policy lobbying** is to ensure the availability of sufficient skilled workforce in the industry. AKL collaborates with educational institutions that provide youth and adult education.

For this purpose, AKL has set up website aimed at young people. In addition, AKL collaborates with educational institutions that provide youth and adult education. Issues related to vocational education are handled in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Finnish National Board of Education, for example, by developing vocational qualifications.

As an industry training programme, the Automotive Qualification Programme (APO) has established itself as a unique further education system that offers, in cooperation with different educational institutions, a broad range of development paths enabling continuous development of professional skills or even transfer into a new profession within the industry. APO includes an Automotive Industry Management Programme (JOKO).



Member Services

AKL provides advice, training, public relations and information services of high quality for its member companies both directly and through its diverse network of associated companies and partners.

AKL-Akatemia provides further training, seminars and webinars for hundreds of professionals in the automotive industry each year. The company sells all automobile trade forms. In addition, it offers a variety of AKL Development Programmes to support successful business operations.

AKL-Sertifiointi Oy offers audit and certification services and it is qualified for automobile branch by Finas (S044).

The Finnish Information Centre of Automobile Sector (AuT) is a service and information centre providing information about road transport, automobile trade, automotive manufacturing, as well as the car repair and inspection industries in Finland. AuT distribute information on industry developments, arrange meetings and events, as well as participate actively in public discussions relevant to the automotive industry.

International Activities

AKL is a member of the European Council for Motor Trades and Repairs – CECRA, which represents the interests of the motor trade and repair businesses. Through CECRA, AKL representatives are actively promoting the interests of its members also at the European level.

AKL is also a member of the Brussels-based lobbying initiative FinMobility. This lobbying body for road transport and business now represents a total of eight organisations covering practically the entire road traffic sector in Finland.

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