



## One step ahead together

The Association Tunga fordon (Heavy vehicles) in south of Sweden is a membership organization with world-leading manufacturers of heavy duty vehicles e.g. dump trucks, wheel loaders, forest machines, packing machines and material handling equipment.

These vehicles are characterized by small production series, an advanced technology and a very high degree of customization.

Heavy Vehicles strengthens the long-term development of the companies of the membership through collaboration and management skills.



## Activities that create value

The Association continuously conducts various activities. The purpose of all these activities is to drive forward the development of heavy duty vehicles and create a base for a learning process.

The activities primarily consist of training, workshops, groups where experience can be exchanged through dialogues and various joint research and development projects.

All activities are based on business needs. We collaborate with national and international experts from institutes, universities and companies.

"Heavy Vehicles contributes to the development and assurance of competence.

In the long run, this collaboration is very valuable."

Jörgen Sjöstrand,  
Volvo CE

## Competitive edge

The Association works with different areas that create competitive edge, such as technical and environmental business intelligence, product development, production, purchasing, logistics and supplier management, and seeing to business competence resources.

Current areas of focus include reduced fuel consumption, lower emissions and the environment for drivers.

Another important task of the Association is to bring forward the business needs of the companies to those involved in higher education and research.



To be inspired and  
learn from others and  
each other

### **Seminars and theme days**

The activities are carried out during full or half days on themes, according to the priority of the members.

The arrangements are generally only open to members, to encourage an open dialogue.

### **Groups of dialogue**

A Group of dialogue is a method we use to foster knowledge.

Members meet in groups and discuss about a current subject, preferably in combination with a lecture and/or visits for purposes of study.

We use this method to quickly take on new and interesting knowledge or discuss common problems.

"Heavy Vehicles is  
an important forum,  
also for the  
training of staff.

The direct feedback  
and network of  
contacts, strengthens  
its position because  
it creates a greater  
understanding of  
the situation and  
what you aim for."

Robert Eriksson,  
Semcon



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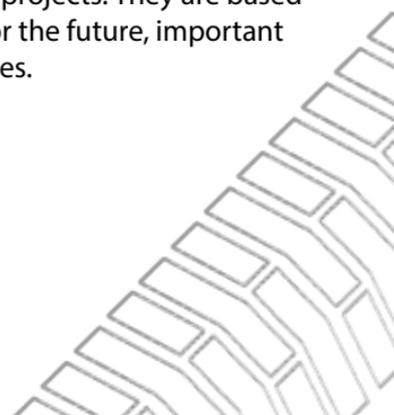
## Networks and projects

### **Networks**

The Association commits to various activities to strengthen the Association/cluster and brand of Heavy Vehicles and its members. This can apply to building and maintaining different types of networks and to distribute and gain knowledge of immediate interest and to create good contacts.

### **Projects**

Heavy Vehicles is operating or participating in a number of strategic projects. They are based on the present, and for the future, important needs of the companies.





## Towards the future

The purpose of the Association is to strengthen the long-term growth and profitability of the companies, through collaboration and assuring of competence.

The Association contributes to an innovative environment of growth for the companies.

Through collaboration with research and society, the association will contribute to international competitiveness and ability of the members to contribute to a sustainable development.



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