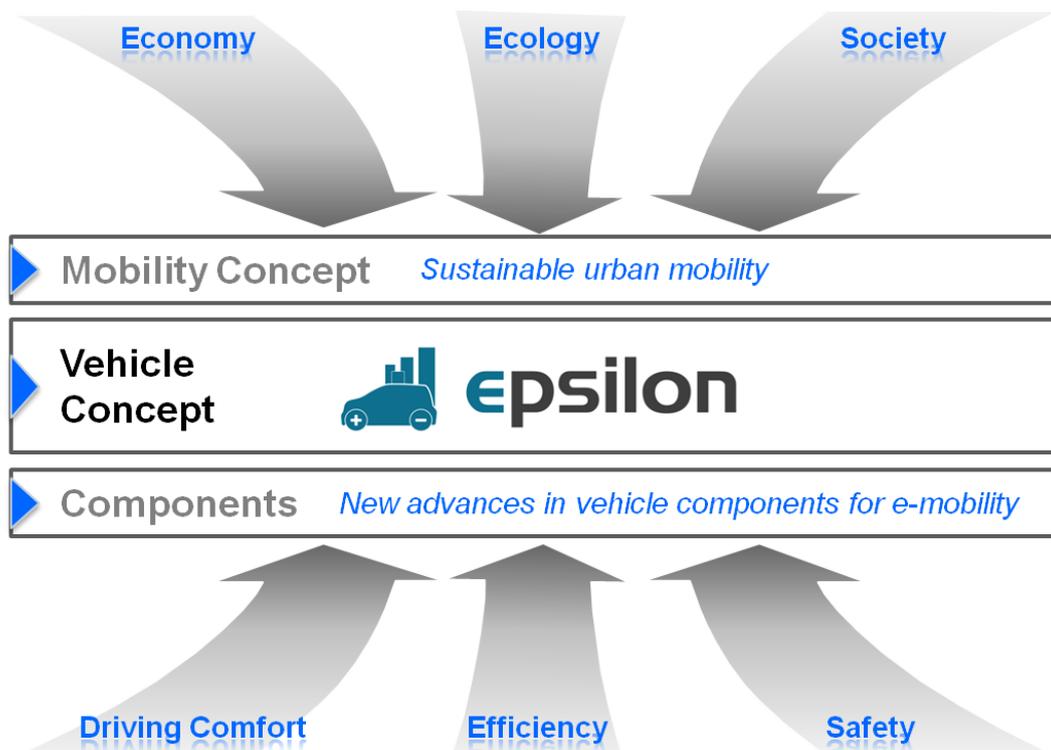


Dear Sir or Madam,

With this first newsletter today, it is our pleasure to introduce the epsilon project. epsilon aims to conceptualise and prototype the electric urban small vehicle of 2020-2025.

Larger and more densely populated urban areas are causing new challenges to mobility systems in terms of congestion as well as pollutant and noise emissions. epsilon will focus on the development of an innovative electric vehicle concept specifically designed for the typical transport tasks in urban areas. The epsilon vehicle will be considerably lighter, more energy efficient and require less road space than today's sub-compact cars, still offering the same level of safety. Compared to powered two-wheelers, epsilon will provide higher safety, transport capacity and driving comfort in all weather conditions. Offering at the same time an appealing driving performance at affordable costs, the epsilon vehicle will address not only the ecological and societal, but also the economic dimension of sustainable mobility, defining a new vehicle class by closing the gap between powered two-wheelers, ultra light vehicles (L7e) and conventional passenger cars (M1).



Making use of state-of-the-art components and integrating highly innovative components and systems from technology and component focused research activities, the epsilon project brings together some of the top automotive design & engineering companies and institutes in Europe and most advanced technologies. Expected results and key features are:

- Complete business case
- At least two seats
- All weather comfort accessories
- Maximum crash safety (legislation and NCAP)
- Weight < 600 kg
- Attractive driving performance
- Acceleration 0-100 km/h in < 10 s
- Purely electric range > 150 km
- High energy efficiency (< 80 Wh/km)

For more information please refer to our website www.epsilon-project.eu

On behalf of the epsilon consortium, best regards,
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