

## About AESAS

### Q: What are the aims of AESAS?

A: The introduction of AUTOSAR changes the landscape of business cases for Basic Software Components (BSC). Therefore, the members of AESAS face new questions in the discussions with their customers, for example:

- About the license models (ranging from buy out license models to payment of fees per ECU "micropayment")
- About warranty obligations, in particular about the so called extended warranty (five to ten years)
- About the liability risks of the software component suppliers which include possible costs for worldwide recall actions.

The liability risks clearly show that a fair distribution of the liability risks between the BSC supplier, the BSC integrator, the TIER 1 supplier and the OEM must be established.

AESAS provides a forum for discussion within the automotive industry. AESAS shall strive to achieve the goal of establishing a fair and cooperative framework for the business relationships between the market participants in the automotive industry, in particular in the market for basic software components.

### Q: What does the abbreviation "AESAS" stand for?

A: Association of European Suppliers for Automotive Software - Verband europäischer Zulieferer für Automotive Software.

### Q: Who are members of AESAS?

A: At the time, the following companies are members of AESAS

- Mentor Graphics (Deutschland) GmbH, München, Germany
- OpenSynergy GmbH, Berlin, Germany
- Softing AG, Haar (near Munich), Germany
- TTTech Automotive GmbH, Vienna, Austria
- Vector Informatik GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

### Q: Who is representing AESAS?

A: The Executive Board consists of

- Dr. Helmut Schelling, President
- Dr. Stefan Poledna, Vice-President
- Dr. Michael Siedentop, Vice-President

**Q: Whom may I contact for more information?**

A: The offices of AESAS are located in Heidelberg, Germany, Neuenheimer Landstr. 36.

**Q: How can I get in contact with AESAS?**

A: The best way to get in contact with AESAS is to fill out the contact request form on the AESAS website under [www.aesas.org](http://www.aesas.org). Or you may simply send an e-mail to the offices of AESAS: [contact@aesas.org](mailto:contact@aesas.org) – or give us a call: +49 6221 58 80 215.

**Q: How do you relate to the semiconductor industry?**

A: AESAS would greatly appreciate contributions by the semiconductor industry, since AESAS views the semiconductor manufacturers as partners of the independent embedded software vendors. Therefore, AESAS strongly invites the participants of the semiconductor industry to share in the discussions and forums hosted by AESAS, e.g. about license models and their mechanisms in general.