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Driver in car taken from the backseat of the vehicle. Credit: guteksk7 at Shutterstock.com.

The [Automotive Propulsion Council](#) (APC) has up to £30 million to support collaborative projects developing new technologies that help to power vehicles of the future.

Reductions in CO2

Projects in this competition must:

- significantly reduce vehicle CO2 emissions and improve air quality
- accelerate the development of technology solutions that support low emission vehicles
- strengthen UK capability and develop the supply chain either in low carbon vehicle propulsion or lightweight systems technology

They should be based around one or more of the UK [Automotive Council's](#) 4 strategic technologies:

- electric machines and power electronics
- energy storage and energy development
- lightweight vehicle and powertrain structures
- thermal propulsion

About the funding

Funding for this competition is provided by the APC, a government-industry body that aims to make the UK a global centre of excellence for low carbon vehicle development and production.

Applications are managed by Innovate UK.

Competition information

- the competition is open, and the deadline is at midday on 7 March 2018
- projects must be led by a business, and include a vehicle manufacturer or tier 1 supplier and an SME
- we expect projects to have total costs of between £5 million and £40 million and to last between 18 and 42 months
- businesses could attract up to 70% of their project costs
- a briefing event will be held on 15 January 2018