

Exploiting the full potential of 3rd Generation Q&P and medium-Mn steels with superior formability for lightweight structural applications in future mobility



### Formability of Q&P and medium-Mn steels

#### Weldability

Investigating different experimental and numerical methods for an accurate description of the spot weld performance of Q&P and medium-Mn steels under both quasi-static and dynamic loads.

Investigating the global and local formability of new Q&P and medium-Mn steels and determining the main damage and deformation mechanisms.

## **Fracture toughness**

Performing investigations to better understand the deformation and fracture mechanisms of Q&P and medium-Mn steels.

### Microstructura modelling of AHSS

**Developing high-resolution digital** microstructural models with dislocation-based crystal plasticity models to represent the complicated microstructure of Q&P and medium-Mn steels and the underlying mechanisms.

### Crash resistance

Generating relevant insights about the crashworthiness of Q&P and medium-Mn steels and the influence of microstructure on crash ductility.

# Fatigue

Providing further knowledge on the influence of microstructure on the fatigue resistance of Q&P and medium-Mn steels.

#### **Edge fracture** and crash modelling

Boosting a fracture-energy criterion to predict the energy absorbed at crack nucleation and propagation.

