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JUN 9 – 10

AUTOMOTIVE INTERIORS 2026

AGENDA

TUESDAY | JUNE 9

8:30 AM Welcome and conference introduction
Dr. Dirk Meine, Junaid Sheikh, Automotive Circle, DE

PLENARY SESSION: STRATEGIC MATERIALITY

9:00 AM Material Intelligence: Designing the Next Generation of Sustainable Technologies
Nathalie Bucher, Kia Europe GmbH, DE

9:30 AM Decarbonization, Circular Economy and Seating Comfort
Thomas Dillinger, Adient, DE

10:00 AM Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts

INTERIOR CONCEPTS | RADICAL SIMPLICITY

10:45 AM The Audi Concept C Interior: From Further, Bigger, Better to More Clarity
Mayra Schönwetter, Audi AG, DE; Benedikt Bieberstein, Audi AG, DE

11:15 AM Renault Emblème: A Laboratory on Wheels for Low-Carbon Mobility
Pascal Tribotté, Groupe Renault, FR; François Farion, Renault Group, FR

11:45 AM Overview of Cockpit Design Evolution and Its Consequences on Vehicle Control Layouts and Storage
Anna Barello, Stellantis Europe S.p.A, IT; Maria Luigia Priore, Stellantis Europe S.p.A, IT

12:15 PM There Is Less in Timeless
Arèf Tahhan, Bertrandt, FR

12:45 PM Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Lunch Break

CABIN EVOLUTION: THE NEW PROPORTIONS

2:00 PM Hyundai IONIQ 3 Interior: The Design Journey
Nico Munkler, Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center GmbH, DE

2:30 PM From Concept to Launch: How to Achieve the Biggest Interior Volume on a 3m Wheelbase Vehicle
Bernhard Kremer, Lucid Germany GmbH, DE

3:00 PM New Nissan Leaf Interiors
Koji Kawazu, Nissan Motor Corp.Ltd., JP

3:30 PM Design Perspectives on Exploring Geely Galaxy M9 Interior User Experience
Enrico Corti, Geely, CN

4:00 PM Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts

THE LIVING COCKPIT

4:30 PM Interior Vehicle Layouts for Level 3 Autonomy
Andy Cuming, Jaguar Landrover, UK; Emily Breen, Jaguar Landrover, UK

5:00 PM Design Philosophy and Cabin Layout of a Level 4 Autonomous Driving System
N.N, Pix Moving, CN

5:30 PM The Role of Sound in Quiet Electric Vehicle Interiors
Alexander Wodrich, why do birds, DE

6:00 PM Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Get together

7:00 PM Networking Night

* All times in CEST (UTC+2)
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THE COMFORT LAB: SCIENCE, CULTURE & CIRCULARITY

8:30 AM **Seats of Power: How Cultural Norms and Social Shifts Are Redefining China's In-Car Experience**

Guang Yang, Diconium, a Volkswagen Group company, DE

9:00 AM **What Do We Feel When Sitting? Perceptual Mechanisms of Seating Comfort from Biomechanical and Sensory Physiological Points of View**

Akinari Hirao, Shibaura Institute of Technology, JP

9:30 AM **COCKPIT CLINIC**

🚗 **Alpine A390**

🚗 **BMW Neue Klasse iX3**

🚗 **Geely Galaxy M9**

🚗 **Lucid Gravity**

🚗 **New All-Electric Nissan Leaf**

10:45 AM **Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts**

11:15 AM **Strategic OEM-Supplier Collaboration as an Enabler for Circular and Aesthetic Interior Solutions: Lessons from Renault Emblème**

François Farion, Renault Group, FR;
Philippe Vattier, Autoneum Holding AG, CH

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11:45 AM **CONCEPT CAR SHOW**

🚗 **Audi Concept C**

🚗 **Emblème Concept Car**

🚗 **KIA EV2 Concept Car**

🚗 **Pix Moving**

12:45 PM **Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Lunch Break**

THE PHYGITAL CRAFT

1:45 PM **BMW Neue Klasse iX3 Interiors**

N.N, BMW Group, DE

2:15 PM **From Clay to Code: Lessons from VITAL in Design-Led Prototyping**

Shay Moradi, Vital Auto LTD, UK

2:45 PM **Intelligent and Sustainable: Integrated Interior Solutions for Future Mobility**

N.N, Yanfeng, DE

3:15 PM **Multifunctional Center Console**

Michael Thienel, Brose Fahrzeugteile SE & Co. Kommanditgesellschaft, DE

3:45 PM **End of the conference**

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