AUTO MOTIVE CIRCLE

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AGENDA

JUN 9 – 10

ENGINEERING CIRCULARITY **2026**

ENGINEERING CIRCULARITY – the new name for Automotive Circle's established **SUSTAINABILITY IN PRODUCT AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING** conference, continuing its focus on practical circularity solutions.

TUESDAY | **JUNE 9**

7:00 AM **Conference Registration**

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

JOINT PLENARY SESSION : AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR | ENGINEERING CIRCULARITY

9:00 AM **Material intelligence: Designing the next level of sustainable technologies**
Nathalie Bucher, Kia Europe GmbH, DE

9:30 AM **Decarbonization, circular economy and seating comfort**
Thomas Dillinger, Adient GmbH, DE

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

DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY

10:45 AM **Circular economy and adhesive bonding technology – opponents or allies? Positioning adhesive bonding technology for the 21st century**
Prof. Andreas Groß, Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials IFAM, DE

11:45 AM **Beyond recycling: Additive manufacturing for reduce, reuse and repair in automotive engineering**
Lukas Pelzer, Layer Performance GmbH, DE

12:15 PM **FutureCarProduction – Circular car body development – New production technologies to optimize CO2, recycled content and costs**
Prof. Dr. Stephan Krinke, Fraunhofer IST, DE

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

SOLUTIONS FOR PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES

2:00 PM **RecyClass advancing plastic recycling in automotive**
Thimothé Rondot, Plastics Recyclers Europe, BE

2:30 PM **Closing the loop for chrome plated trim on cars**
Dr. Markus Dahlhaus, BIA Kunststoff- & Galvanotechnik, DE

3:00 PM **Polyurethane mono-material concepts: Enabling closed-loop automotive recycling through material versatility and chemical recycling**
Ivo Erler, Covestro Deutschland AG, DE

3:30 PM **Use of recycled materials in automotive interiors – systemic solution for quality, availability, and compliance**
Dr. Michael Scriba, Certified Recycled Content CRC GmbH, DE

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

INDUSTRIAL CONCEPTS

4:45 PM **Car2Car: Driving circularity towards closed loops – Advanced dismantling and recycling solutions for automotive sustainability**
Hilke Schaer, Armin Emsermann, BMW Group, DE

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

7:00 PM **Networking dinner**

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CIRCULARITY ASSESSMENT

8:30 AM **Leveraging circular engineering: A framework for assessing and enabling circular product development**
Dr. Alexander Christ, :em engineering methods AG, DE

BATTERY RECYCLING

9:00 AM **TBD**

9:30 AM **Narrowing the loop: Unlocking repairability for high voltage batteries to achieve financially and economically sustainable BEV adoption**
Jacq Paris, Thatcham Research, UK

10:00 AM **From battery recycling to circular revenue: The business case for the digital battery passport**
Lea Ott, objective partner AG, DE

10:30 AM **Meet the speakers | Exhibition | Coffee and contacts**

JOINT PLENARY SESSION
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11:15 AM **Strategic OEM-supplier collaboration as an enabler for circular and aesthetic interior solutions: Lessons from Renault Emblème**
Philippe Vattier, Autoneum, FR; François Farion, Renault Group, FR

11:45 AM **Audi concept C + Renault Emblème Concept**
Inspect the vehicles on site and discuss with their developers

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

ADVANCING ALUMINUM CIRCULARITY

1:45 PM **Science of recycling alloys: Optimized alloy and process strategies for sustainable automotive applications**
Lukas Stemper, AMAG rolling GmbH, DE

2:15 PM **Unlocking circularity in structural materials for Daimler Trucks**
William Hamer, Hydro Aluminium, UK

2:45 PM **Structural components in recently developed low carbon aluminum HPDC alloys – benchmarking against magnesium and steel constructions**
Stuart Wiesner, Aluminium Rheinfelden Alloys GmbH, DE

3:15 PM **Reduction of copper and iron in molten aluminum from old vehicles**
Dr. Norbert Hoffmann, Technical University of Brunswick, Institute for Joining and Welding Technology, DE

3:45 PM **OEM conclusion / outlook**
Members of the OEM advisory board on their views regarding the next steps on the way towards circularity in automotive production and product design

4:15 PM **End of conference**

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