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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, Martin Hesse, Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center GmbH, DE

**2:30 PM Integrating Structure, Space Concept, and User Interface Architecture**  
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; Holly Canning, Jaguar Landrover, UK

**5:00 PM Design Philosophy and Cabin Layout of a Level 4 Autonomous Driving System**  
Alexandru Vasiliu, 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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### WEDNESDAY | JUNE 10

#### 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

🚗 Geely Galaxy M9

🚗 Lucid Gravity

🚗 New All-Electric Nissan Leaf

🚗 Range Rover SV 2025

**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

🚗 Hyundai Concept Three

🚗 KIA EV2 Concept Car

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

#### THE PHYGITAL CRAFT

**1:45 PM** **From Clay to Code: Lessons from VITAL in Design-Led Prototyping**

Shay Moradi, Vital Auto LTD, UK

**2:15 PM** **Intelligent and Sustainable: Integrated Interior Solutions for Future Mobility**

Andrea Hees, Yanfeng, DE

**2:45 PM** **Multifunction Center Console**

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

**3:15 PM** **End of the conference**

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