EARPA SPRING MEETING 2026

3-4 MARCH 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City
Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels

Draft Programme

EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH PARTNERS ASSOCIATION

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Day 1: Tuesday, 3 March 2026

PROGRAMME

08:30 - 09:00: Welcome Coffee — *Lobby*

09:00 - 11:00 — **FORESIGHT GROUPS** — EARPA MEMBERS ONLY

Connectivity Automation Safety (CAS)	Powertrains and Energy Systems (PES)	Integrated Product and Process Development (IPPD)
Sycamore Ballroom 1	*Sycamore Ballroom 2*	*Chestnut Room (1st floor)*

11:00 - 11:30: Coffee Break — *Lobby*

11:30 - 13:30 — **FORESIGHT GROUPS** — EARPA MEMBERS ONLY

Mobility for People and Goods (MPG)	Collaboration and Project Management (CPM)
Sycamore Ballroom 1	*Sycamore Ballroom 2*

13:30 - 14:30: Lunch — *Lobby*

14:30 - 16:00 — **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GROUPS** — EARPA MEMBERS ONLY

Zero Emission Road Transport (ZERT)+ Renewable Energy (RES) + Impact of transport on environment and human health (THE)	Made in Europe (MiE)
Sycamore Ballroom 1	*Sycamore Ballroom 2*

16:00 - 16:30: Coffee Break — *Lobby*

16:30 - 18:00 — **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GROUPS** — EARPA MEMBERS ONLY

Connected Cooperative Automated Mobility (CCAM) + Safety (SAFE) + Multimodal and Sustainable Transport Systems for passengers and goods (MSTS)	Batteries (BAT)
Sycamore Ballroom 1	*Sycamore Ballroom 2*

18:30 - 21:00 — **NETWORKING RECEPTION *(LOBBY AREA)*** — Open to all

Join us for an evening full of conversation, networking & fun

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Day 2: Wednesday 4 March 2026   *EARPA Members only*

09:15 - 10:30	**EARPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**	EARPA Member Representatives only

10:30 - 11:00: Welcome Coffee   *Lobby*

11:00 - 11:25	**PLENARY SESSION**	*Sycamore Ballroom*

- **Michele De Gennaro**, EARPA President: Opening words
- R&I EU Policy Updates, DG RTD, European Commission

11:25 - 12:10	**PANEL ON AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IN THE EU**

Moderator: **Adria Ferrer,** IDIADA
- **Pierfrancesco Maran**, Member of the European Parliament (Recording)
- **Stefan Bogensberger**, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- **Marzena Jougounoux.** DG RTD, European Commission

12:10 - 12:45	**Meet the Speakers** **Foresight Group Updates**

- **Margriet Van Schijndel**,TU/e: Connectivity Automation Safety
- **Bernhard Brandstätter,** Virtual Vehicle: Powertrains and Energy Systems
- **Thilo Bein,** Fraunhofer LBF: Integrated Product And Process Development
- **Magnus Granstrom**, Chalmers: Mobility for People and Goods
- **Verena Wagenhofer**, AVL: Collaboration and Project Management

12:45 - 14:00: Lunch   *Lobby*

14:00 - 15:30	**NAVIGATING ECONOMIC & POLITICAL SHIFTS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR: CONSEQUENCES FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

Moderator: **Peter Urban**, IKA
- **Stefan Deix,** EUCAR
- **Oihana Otaegui**, Vicomtech
- **Bert Pluymers**, KU Leuven
- **Horst Pflügl**, AVL
- **Thilo Bein**, Fraunhofer LBF

- **Closing remarks from the EARPA President**