



EARPA AUTUMN MEETING 2026

29 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Brussels City

Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels

Programme



**EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE
RESEARCH PARTNERS ASSOCIATION**

Day 1: Tuesday, 29 September 2026

PROGRAMME

08:30 - 09:00: Welcome Coffee

Lobby

09:00 - 11:00

FORESIGHT GROUPS

EARPA MEMBERS ONLY

Connectivity Automation Safety (CAS) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 1</i>	Powertrains and Energy Systems (PES) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 2</i>	Integrated Product and Process Development (IPPD) <i>Chestnut Room (1st floor)</i>
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11:00 - 11:30: Coffee Break

Lobby

11:30 - 13:30

FORESIGHT GROUPS

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Mobility for People and Goods (MPG) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 1</i>	Collaboration and Project Management (CPM) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 2</i>
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13:30 - 14:30: Lunch

Lobby

14:30 - 16:00

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GROUPS

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Zero Emission Road Transport (ZERT)+ Renewable Energy (RES) + Impact of transport on environment and human health (THE) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 1</i>	Made in Europe (MiE) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 2</i>
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16:00 - 16:30: Coffee Break

Lobby

16:30 - 18:00

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GROUPS

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Connected Cooperative Automated Mobility (CCAM) + Safety (SAFE) + Multimodal and Sustainable Transport Systems for passengers and goods (MSTS) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 1</i>	Batteries (BAT) <i>Sycamore Ballroom 2</i>
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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 30 September

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
- **Andrea De Candido**, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

11:25 - 12:25

**EURIAS PANEL: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE
EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR THROUGH
STRATEGIC RESEARCH, INNOVATION & DEPLOYMENT**

Moderator: **Andrea De Candido**, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- **Franz Geyer**, BMW: Electric vehicle technologies
- **Cathy Batisson**, Renault: Digital and connected vehicles
- **Emilia Romero**, IDIADA: Road mobility ecosystem
- **Thilo Bein**, Fraunhofer LBF: Automotive industrial processes

12:25 - 12:50

**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

12:50 - 14:00: Lunch

Lobby

14:00 - 15:15

**PANEL: AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH
& TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURES**

Moderator: **Fredrik Harrysson**, EARPA

- **Szilvia Németh**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- **Muriel Attané**, Secretary General, EARTO
- **Horst Pfluegl**, Vice President Research Coordination, AVL
- **Adam Andersson**, Director of European Affairs, RISE
- **Kay Gade**, Rapporteur EU Policy Task Force, ECTRI
- Closing remarks from the EARPA President