

international **engine** 13th **congress**

Meeting Place for the Powertrain and Sustainable Fuels Community

With NextGen Program!
Exclusive side event
specifically for
young professionals



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24 and 25 February 2026
Baden-Baden or virtually via live stream

Main topics

- Global strategies for the powertrain mix of the future
- Carbon-neutral combustion engines in international competition
- From motor racing to series production
- New drive systems and components for commercial vehicles
- Development, production, and regulation of sustainable fuels
- Potentials in the circular economy

Panel discussion

**The importance of combustion engines
for the economy and climate protection**

Top speakers



Prof. Dr. Christian Beidl, TU Darmstadt | **Shena Britzen**, Rheinmetall AG | **Timothy D'Herde**, Toyota Motor Europe NV, Belgium |
Dr. Martin Hrdlička, Škoda Auto a.s., Czech Republic | **Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) |
William Lamb, Cummins Ltd., United Kingdom | **Dominik Nau**, DHL Group | **Rajendra Petkar**, Tata Motors Limited, India |
Marc Sens, IAV GmbH | **Kazuya Tsurumi**, HORIBA Co. Ltd., Japan | **Lukas Walter**, AVL List GmbH, Austria |
Dr. Benedikt Wolfers, Posser Spieth Wolfers & Partners | **Eric Woydte**, German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA)

international engine 13th congress

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

The internal combustion engine plays a key role in the national economy. Millions of jobs depend either directly or indirectly on its development, production, and maintenance, particularly in export-oriented countries like Germany. As a widely exported product, the internal combustion engine has made a significant contribution to the nation's prosperity. But at the same time, its CO₂ emissions are an issue of concern in the context of climate protection.

What is clear is that limiting global warming requires a shift towards low-emission drive systems. This is precisely why the internal combustion engine – especially if it uses synthetic, carbon-neutral fuels – will continue to play an important role. The challenge lies in harmonizing sustainable mobility with economic stability and technological competitiveness.

The future belongs to climate-friendly solutions – but the means of achieving this should be realistic and open to all technologies, and should take economic interests into account.

Stay abreast of current trends and benefit from a lead in knowledge!

- You can expect international speakers as well as top-level presentations and panel discussions
- The congress is a great opportunity to “network” – the evening event for the engine community offers stimulating discussions in an informal atmosphere
- The trade exhibition, held in parallel, provides ample information about innovative products and services

We look forward to your participation.

On behalf of the program advisory boards


Dr. Alexander Heintzel
Director of the Congress
Editor-in-Chief ATZ | MTZ Group

THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINE CONGRESS AS A HYBRID EVENT



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The digital event platform with the live stream offers you Q&A functions, 1:1 video chats with participants, exhibitors, and speakers, as well as live opinion surveys, your personal program overview, a virtual exhibition, and other useful functions.

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ENGINE COMMUNITY EVENING AT THE KURHAUS CASINO BADEN-BADEN

As every year, ATZlive and VDI Wissensforum invite you to round off the first day of the International Engine Congress with a get-together in Baden-Baden. You can look forward to interesting conversations with colleagues over dinner and have the opportunity to expand your network.

Tuesday, 24 February 2026, 19:00 h



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The event is primarily aimed at engineers and technicians in the industry or those involved in research and teaching, who are engaged in the optimization of the traditional developmental areas of the combustion engine or the advancement of procedures and systems to produce conventional or renewable fuels and lubricants. The lectures will be equally attractive for chemists and biologists who work in this industry. The focus will be on both diesel and spark-ignition engines (gasoline/gas) for passenger and commercial vehicles and off-highway applications.

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Dr. Werner Willems
Manager Business Unit Engineering, TEC4FUELS GmbH

Tuesday, 24 February 2026



11:00 Coffee break
13:15 Lunch
16:00 Coffee break

08:30 Welcome and opening of the congress as well as introduction to the program of lectures
Dr. Alexander Heintzel, Director of the Congress

KEYNOTE LECTURES I

Moderation: Dr. Alexander Heintzel, ATZ | MTZ Group

Lecture on politics
according to current events
(to be confirmed)



CO₂ fleet regulation –
a legal perspective



Dr. Benedikt Wolfers, Lawyer/Partner,
Posser Spieth Wolfers & Partners

Škoda Auto – 130 years
of innovation and tradition



Dr. Martin Hrdlička, Head of Development Powertrain and
Chassis Systems, Škoda Auto a.s., Czech Republic

Exhaust gas measurement
technologies adapted to
diversified emission regulations
and fuel types across countries



Kazuya Tsurumi, Junior Corporate Officer,
Energy & Environmental Engineering Div., Co-authors:
Yoko Bamba, Yosuke Kondo, all HORIBA Co. Ltd., Japan,
Prof. Dr. Marcus Rieker, HORIBA Europe GmbH

10:15 Major panel discussion

11:45

parallel sessions

11:45
PC engine technology
Global competition among
drive systems



14:30
PC engine technology
Emotion for series production



11:45
CV engine technology
Hydrogen engines as drivers
of sustainable mobility



14:30
CV engine technology
New drive systems and components



11:45
Sustainable fuels & energy
Regulating and establishing
alternative fuels



14:30
Sustainable fuels & energy
Production of sustainable fuels I



PLENARY LECTURES I: POWERTRAIN MIX FOR THE FUTURE

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

The relevance of the entire
fuel life cycle



Marc Sens, Senior Vice President Research & Technology,
Co-authors: Dr. Maximilian Röhe, Dr. Panagiotis Grigoriadis,
Dr. Janis Kelsch, all IAV GmbH

Between battery and range –
EREV technology as an
accelerator of climate neutrality
in heavy-duty transport



Dominik Nau, Senior Sourcing Manager,
Co-author: Markus Döhn, both DHL Group

17:20 Discussion of the above plenary lectures

Formula Future –
driving diversity in education



Dr. Malki Maliha, Chairman, Co-authors: Erik Stenger,
Dr. Sören Bernhardt, all Formula Future e. V.

17:55 End of the first day of the congress

19:00 Engine community
evening

at the Kurhaus Casino Baden-Baden

Wednesday, 25 February 2026



10:30 Coffee break
12:00 Lunch
14:15 Coffee break

08:30 Opening of the second day of the congress

PLENARY LECTURES II: GLOBAL STRATEGIES

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Beidl, TU Darmstadt

Toyota's multi-pathway approach
to carbon neutrality



Timothy D'Herde, Head of Powertrain,
Toyota Motor Europe NV, Belgium

Scaling sustainability:
engine platform evolution for
commercial vehicles amid changing
regulations and market demands



William Lamb, Director – Platform Strategy, Cummins Ltd.,
United Kingdom

Renewable fuels as a contribution
to the defossilisation of
road transport



Eric Woydte, Advisor Climate Policy, Hydrogen, Fuels,
German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA)

India and Tata Motor's perspective
on emerging multi-fuel pathways
towards decarbonization



Rajendra Petkar, President – Emerging Mobility &
Technology Strategy, Tata Motors Limited, India

11:00

parallel sessions

11:00
PC engine technology
Hybrids are driving the development
of internal combustion engines



13:15
PC engine technology
Efficiency potentials
in internal combustion engines



11:00
CV engine technology
Solutions for future emissions
requirements



13:15
CV engine technology
System analysis of greenhouse
gas-neutral powertrain solutions



11:00
Sustainable fuels & energy
Potentials in the circular economy



13:15
Sustainable fuels & energy
Production of sustainable fuels II



KEYNOTE LECTURES II

Moderation: Dr. Alexander Heintzel, ATZ | MTZ Group

Yesterday: ammunition,
today: counter-drones –
tomorrow: fuel?



Shena Britzen, Head of Hydrogen Program,
Corporate Strategy & Development, Rheinmetall AG

From dogmatism to pragmatism:
market-oriented solutions for
future powertrain portfolios



Lukas Walter, Chief Operating Officer (COO), AVL List GmbH,
Austria

For the environment and
society – the internal
combustion engine
as a long-term solution



Prof. Dr. Christian Beidl, Director of the Institute,
Co-authors: Philipp Lavall, Erik Stenger, all Institute for
Internal Combustion Engines and Powertrains (VKM),
TU Darmstadt,
Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, Director of the Institute,
Institute for Piston Machines (IFKM), Karlsruhe Institute of
Technology (KIT)

16:15 Outlook and concluding remarks
Dr. Alexander Heintzel, Director of the Congress

During the breaks you have the
opportunity to visit the exhibition!

to the parallel sessions



Presentations

parallel sessions

Tuesday,
24 February 2026



11:00 Coffee break
13:15 Lunch
16:00 Coffee break

PC engine technology

Auditorium (Basement)



GLOBAL COMPETITION AMONG DRIVE SYSTEMS

Moderation: Dr. Gerhard Holy, AVL List GmbH

11:45

Development of a 1.2 l turbocharged gasoline direct injection engine

Ganesh Ghadge, Senior Manager Power System Engineering, Co-authors: Manoj Joshi, Anupam Panwar, Hosur Viswanatha, all Tata Motors Limited, India

12:15

High-performance V6 TFSI hybrid drivetrain – symbiosis of sustainability and performance

Dr. Johannes Dawidziak, Head of Development Mechanics V-Engines / Rear Final Drive, Co-authors: Gerd Seifried, Matthias Schober, Matthias Honzen, all AUDI AG

12:45

Practice and reflection on Li Auto’s range extender technology

Guiqiang Zhang, Senior Director of Range Extender R&D, Co-authors: Jing Li, Dongjian Jiang, Hao Wang, all Li Auto Inc., China



EMOTION FOR SERIES PRODUCTION

Moderation: Dr. Christian Brenneisen, AUDI AG

14:30

Increased efficiency for turbocharged gasoline engines due to water injection

Heiko Lantzsch, Managing Director, TESONA GmbH & Co. KG with ABT Sportsline GmbH

15:00

Emission concept for future high-performance sports cars with H₂ engine

Lionel Martin, Product Manager H₂ Engines in Sports and Race Cars, Co-authors: Dr. Stephan Tafel, Oliver Schäfer, Pierre Humbert, all Bosch Engineering GmbH

15:30

Formula 1 2026 – new challenges for thermodynamics, energy management, and development methodology

Dr. Gerhard Holy, Group Vice President ICE Based Powertrain, Hybrid and Racing, Co-authors: Dieter Grillenberger, Dr. Paul Kapus, Alexander Machold, Martin Monschein, Michael Peinsitt, Guillermo Pezzetto, all AVL List GmbH, Austria

CV engine technology

Forum (Ground floor)



HYDROGEN ENGINES AS DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

Moderation: Bernhard Raser, AVL List GmbH

11:45

Towards a digital twin for a hydrogen engine: hybrid modeling from test and simulation data

Adel El Araibi, PhD Candidate Advanced Diagnostics, H₂ Lab, Virtual and Data Driven Development, Co-authors: Dr. Robin Hellmann, Dr. Erik Schünemann, all Robert Bosch GmbH, Prof. Dr. Christian Hasse, Simulation of Reaktive Thermo-Fluid Systems, TU Darmstadt

12:15

A novel mechanically controlled gas injection system

Prof. Dr. Karsten Wittek, Director of the Piston Machines Laboratory, Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences

12:45

The importance of powercell unit optimization for MD hydrogen internal combustion engines (HICE)

Hannes Marlok, Project Manager Product Development PCU, Co-authors: Leonardo Morgado, both MAHLE GmbH, Dr. Georg Töpfer, DEUTZ AG, Dr. Thomas Deuß, MAHLE International GmbH



NEW DRIVE SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS

Moderation: Dr. Andreas Broda, TRATON R&D Deutschland GmbH

14:30

Green Methanol, a viable solution for reducing fossil-based CO₂ emissions for small to large size ICE propulsion systems

Martin Wieser, Technical Product Responsible ICE, Co-author: Dr. Gottfried Lurf, both AVL List GmbH, Simon Buchberger, Institute of Thermodynamics and Sustainable Propulsion Systems (ITnA), Graz University of Technology, all Austria, Patrick Send, Liebherr-Components Deggendorf GmbH

15:00

A new piston bowl for high-efficiency natural gas HD engines: optimization of operating parameters

Dr. Stefano Golini, Innovation Specialist Powertrain Product Engineering, Co-authors: Dr. Nicola Rapetto, both FPT Industrial S.p.A., Dr. Davide Di Domenico, Dr. Pierpaolo Napolitano, both CNR STMS, all Italy

15:30

Is powertrain hybridization the key enabler for 50 % brake thermal efficiency for heavy-duty truck engines?

Dr. Lukas Virnich, Product Manager Commercial Engines, FEV Europe GmbH

Sustainable fuels & energy

Kongress-Saal 1 (1st Floor)



REGULATING AND ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Moderation: Dr. Werner Willems, TEC4FUELS GmbH

11:45

Implications of the RED and ETS2 framework on mobility decarbonization pathways

Dr. Andreas Kolbeck, Head of Strategic R&D, Shell Deutschland GmbH, Co-authors: Erno Scheers, Shell International B.V., Netherlands, Isabella Faddul de Almeida, Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited, United Kingdom

12:15

Development of CO₂ fleet regulation for new vehicles: how do we achieve a holistic assessment?

Ralf Diemer, CEO, Co-authors: Dr. Tobias Block, both eFuel Alliance e. V., Lars Hummel, eFuel Alliance e. V., Belgium

12:45

Crediting eFuels under Swiss emissions regulations

Dr. Raphael Bucher, Head of Section Climate Policy, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland



PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE FUELS I

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

14:30

Policy session – the role of FAME & HVO in decarbonizing European transport

Xavier Noyon, Secretary General, European Biodiesel Board (EBB), Belgium

15:00

Revolution in efficiency and scalability of reFuels

Dr. Mark Misselhorn, Founder and CEO, CAPHENIA GmbH

15:30

Beyond fossil energy: sustainable combustion engines in energy supply

Dr. Andreas Balazs, Manager Propulsion Concepts Motor, Hybrid & Fuel Cell Powertrains, Co-authors: Dr. Markus Ehrly, Andreas van Sloun, Benedikt Schroeder, all FEV Europe GmbH

Presentations

parallel sessions

Wednesday,
25 February 2026



10:30 Coffee break
12:00 Lunch
14:15 Coffee break

PC engine technology

Auditorium (Basement)



HYBRIDS ARE DRIVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES
Moderation: Dr. Christoph Menne, FEV Europe GmbH

11:00

Potentials of a predictive DPF regeneration strategy using navigation data in diesel hybrid vehicles

Markus Prieschl, Development Engineer Engine Development – Exhaust Aftertreatment and Exhaust OBD, Co-authors: Dr. Sean Humphrey, Oliver Erlenmayer, all Mercedes-Benz AG, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch, IFKM, KIT

11:30

Dedicated exhaust aftertreatment system for a hybrid passenger car with a hydrogen engine

Dr. Claudius Schück, Project Lead and Senior Expert Advanced Spray & Gas Jet, Analysis Mixture Formation and Combustion, Robert Bosch GmbH, **Roman Pelzetter**, Senior Engineer Electrified Propulsion System Development, Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center GmbH, Co-authors: Sangbeom Kim, Dr. Buomsik Shin, both Hyundai Motor Group, Republic of Korea, Patrick Gaillard, Aramco Europe, France, Christian Tomanik, Umicore AG & Co. KG



EFFICIENCY POTENTIALS IN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES
Moderation: Dr. Marco Warth, MAHLE International GmbH

13:15

Preliminary development of a hydrogen direct injection combustion system dedicated to high-performance engines

Pierre-Yves Vallade, Science Specialist, Co-authors: Dr. Patrick Gastaldi, Dr. Deepak Kumar, all Aramco Europe, Antoine Duthilleul, EMC Emitech Group, all France

13:45

Enhancing spark ignition engine efficiency with passive pre-chamber technology

Dr. Metin Korkmaz, Development Lead Pre-Chamber, Co-authors: Sandro Pino, both Federal-Mogul Ignition GmbH, Tobias Czerny, Björn Schürmann, Gero De Brouwer, all Meta Motoren- und Energie-Technik GmbH

CV engine technology

Forum (Ground floor)



SOLUTIONS FOR FUTURE EMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
Moderation: Jürgen Lehmann, Daimler Truck AG

11:00

Five decades of evolution: the D08 ready for Euro 7

Oliver Jens Schuster, Performance Group Lead D08, Co-authors: Viktor Stoyanov, Dr. Andreas Broda, all TRATON R&D Germany GmbH

11:30

Potential for reduction in NRMM real-world emissions

Dr. Joachim Demuynck, Senior Technical and Scientific Manager, Co-authors: Dirk Bosteels, both AECC – Association for Emissions Control and Climate, Belgium, Martin Wieser, Anton Arnberger, both AVL List GmbH, Austria



SYSTEM ANALYSIS OF GREENHOUSE GAS-NEUTRAL POWERTRAIN SOLUTIONS
Moderation: Dr. Markus Schwaderlapp, DEUTZ AG

13:15

Comparison of powertrains for carbon-neutral heavy-duty vehicles based on energy efficiency and material demand

Dr. André Sternberg, Senior Scientist Hydrogen Technologies, Co-authors: Shima Fathi, Dr. Christoph Hank, Robert Szolak, all Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE)

13:40

A comparative analysis of hydrogen fuel cell and hydrogen internal combustion engines in heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles

Julien Masson, Sales and Business Development Manager, Ballard Power Systems, Canada

14:05

Discussion of the above session lectures

Sustainable fuels & energy

Kongress-Saal 1 (1st Floor)



POTENTIALS IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY
Moderation: Martin Rothbart, AVL List GmbH

11:00

Panel discussion

Status / experience report on the verification of renewable fuels in practical use

Moderation: Dr. Olaf Toedter, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Participants:

Markus Fritzsche, Dr. Ing. h. c. F. Porsche AG, **Alexander Heinz**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), **Jörg Hübeler**, Neste Germany GmbH, **Cem Karaca**, Robert Bosch GmbH, **Julian Schuster**, Müller - Die lila Logistik Route GmbH, **Roland Weissert**, EDi Energie-Direkt Hohenlohe GmbH

11:30

Supporting renewable fuels in road transport by a digital fuel twin

Prof. Dr. Thomas Garbe, Head of Energy Carriers, Co-author: Arnd Schmidt, both Volkswagen AG, **Dr. Marko Babic**, Head of Product Area Air Quality and Sustainability Solutions, Co-authors: Dr. Michael Storch, Dr. Erik Schünemann, all Robert Bosch GmbH



PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE FUELS II
Moderation: Karl Dums, Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG

13:15

Distributed reforming of a biogenic fuel as a source for low-cost green H₂

Tim Fogarty, CEO, Co-authors: Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, Devendra Pakhare, Chris Scholtes, all PCC Hydrogen Inc., USA

13:45

South Africa Green Methanol – a blueprint for other markets

Christoph Heinermann, Chief Commercial Officer, GeFP Holdings, Republic of South Africa, Co-authors: Dr. Klaus Lucka, Dr. Werner Willems, both TEC4FUELS GmbH





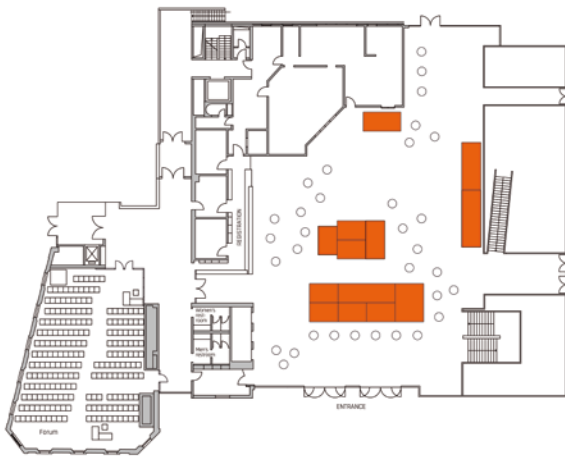
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NEXTGEN PROGRAM AT THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINE CONGRESS 2026



Specifically for young professionals who want to benefit from guidance and support on their way to the next management level, we have put together an **exclusive side event at the Engine Congress**.

"Vehicle drive systems have lost none of their fascination, and engines stand for mobility and safety. As engine developers, we rise to the challenge of ensuring a sustainable future for the European automotive industry, driven by the enthusiasm and expertise of our young engineers. Welcome to the NextGen Program at the Engine Congress 2026!"

Prof. Dr. Christian Beidl
Director of the Institute, VKM, TU Darmstadt

NEXTGEN PROGRAM

Our aim is to advance the careers of future decision-makers and to give them the opportunity to start creating their **network for tomorrow**.

- Program highlights:**
- Participation in the regular **Engine Congress program**
 - **Meet & Greet with top executives from industry and science:** Experienced managers will provide valuable insights into the development of their own careers, offer advice, and share their experiences
 - **Speed Dating among the young professionals** with guidance from an experienced moderator
 - **Networking areas for young professionals** during the meals and coffee breaks
 - Participation in the **Engine Community Evening** at the Kurhaus Casino Baden-Baden:
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Prof. Dr. Thomas Koch
Director of the Institute, IFKM, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

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Tuesday, 24 February 2026

MEET & GREET | 12:15



Prof. Dr. Uwe Dieter Grebe,
Head of the Institute, Institute of Powertrain and Automotive Technology (IFA),
TU Vienna, and Managing Director, ame GmbH | Automotive & Mobility Engineering GmbH,
both Austria, and Editor-in-Charge ATZ | MTZ Group



Dr. Markus Schwaderlapp,
Senior Consultant, DEUTZ AG

SPEED DATING | 12:45

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Moderation: Heinz Küsters,
Head of Department Business Services,
VDI Wissensforum GmbH



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1 young professional (50 %)

All prices plus VAT

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DATE

24 and 25 February 2026

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