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INTERIOR CABIN: WHAT'S NEXT

UX • COCKPIT • LIGHTING • SEATING • ELECTRONICS



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22 – 23 April, 2026 at Köln, Germany – truly an automotive city at the centre of Europe.

The theme is “**holistic cabin approach**”, for the main goal of UX (user experience) is to create and improve driving and mobility experiences.

It means technology and design are user-centric. It covers design, HMI (human-machine interaction/interface), perceived quality, comfort, infotainment, audio, health and wellness, and everything that contributes to the best driving experience.

Global megatrends are shaping the future of the automotive interior: display, smart surfaces, voice activation, connectivity, automation, EVs, regulations, and more. These are pushing and pulling technical and technological progress, transforming the cabin into a smart, interactive space.

The workshop will include sessions on:

- Interior lighting,
- Smart surfaces, cockpits, displays,
- Components to cabin experience,
- Seating.

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DAY 1 • APRIL 22, 2026

- 12:30 pm **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**
- 1:30 pm **OPENING**
- 1:35 pm **OPENING KEYNOTE:**
S&P Global Mobility – Sascha Klapper, Research and Analysis Manager
• *Interior Market. Commodity or Innovation?*
 A brief outlook on the global automotive interior market
- 1:55 pm** **SESSION 1 - INTERIOR LIGHTING DESIGN: SHAPING THE IN-CABIN EXPERIENCE**
Chairman: Andreas Friedrich, DVN Senior Advisor
- KEYNOTE: Forvia Hella** – Ana Bizal, Global Product Center Interior Lighting
- Yanfeng** – Christophe Pincemin, Deputy General Manager Smart Interiors BU & Executive Engineering Director Smart Surfaces & Lighting
• *The Cabin as a Living Space: How Light contribute to Shape a better Human Centric Mobility*
- Zeekr** – Lena Caussimon Olsson, Senior Lighting Designer
• *The Transformative Power of Light: Beyond Illumination in the Automotive Interior*
- Lynk&Co** – Vlatko Kukulja, Senior Studio Engineer & Klemen Majcen, Senior Studio Engineer
• *When Light Meets Reality: Engineering Interior Lighting Beyond the Concept Phase*
- Studio Kasper Hammer** – Kasper Hammer, Founder & Creative Director
• *Living light*
 Designing light and Sound for Human Biology
- Forvia DesignLED** – Tony Allison, Senior Product Manager & Product Development Manager
- KURZ** – Joerg Stierand, Head of Divisional Sales Management Automotive
• *Solutions for plastic surfaces with integrative lighting systems*
- Q&A**
- 3:55 pm **EXHIBITORS' PRESENTATION**
- 4:15 pm **COFFEE BREAK**

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5:00 pm

SESSION 2 - INTERIOR LIGHTING : TECHNOLOGIES, MATERIALS

Chairwoman: Prof. Andrea Upmann, FH Aachen – University of Applied Sciences

ams OSRAM – Michael Brandl, Director Application Engineering Mobility Systems

- *It All Comes Together – Status of Light Sources for Interior*

Novosense – Andreas Zhang, Marketing Director

- *Ambient Lighting: from single RGB to multi RGBs*

Inova Semiconductors – Gerhard Nill, Product Manager

Melexis – Roland Steger, Business Development Manager, EMEA

- *Secure & Simplified Lighting Animations via 10Base-TIS*

TactoTek – Dominique Heilborn, Director Ecosystem Partnerships

- *Seamless by Design. Intelligent by Nature. Distinct by Brand. Powered by IMSE*

EDAG – Jannes Buthmann, Global Head of Lighting & Display Systems

- *EDAG LightLab – Benchmarking Interior Light & Display Systems*

Q&A

6:40 pm

COCKTAIL

7:00 pm

DINNER

DAY 21 • APRIL 23, 2026

08:00 am

WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 am

OPENING KEYNOTE

Beyond HMI - Peter Rössger, Founder & CEO

- *How to Avoid the Hotel California Moment: Human Centric Vehicle Interior Development*

09:20 am

SESSION 3 - COCKPIT AS A "POSTURE SYSTEM": SEATING GEOMETRY SHOULD DRIVE UX/UI

Chairman: Andrew Leutchman, DVN Senior Advisor

Dow & Jaguar Land Rover - André Hebel - Dow, Dave Withey - JLR & Abdulghani Al Nabulsi - Lear

- *Advancing Circularity in Seating: from Material Design to OEM Launch*
A joint case study by Dow, Lear, and JLR.

Keiper - Thomas Christoffel, Chief Engineer

- *Keiper - Mechanism: Seat- and smart cabin applications*

Grewus - Elisa Santella, Managing Director

- *Scalable seat haptics: enabling more functionality at lower system cost*

Q&A

10:25 am

COFFEE BREAK

10:55 am

SESSION 4 - INNOVATION THAT ACTUALLY SHIPS

Chairman: Laurent Sérézat, DVN Interior General Editor

KEYNOTE: CRTV Matters - Jelle Tjebbes, Founder & Design Director

- *Love & Technology - How brand character transforms smart surfaces & displays into meaningful experiences*

Innowep - Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Weinhold M.Sc. (Duke Univ.), Dipl.-Ing. (FH)

- *Human Centric Interior*
Appearance Haptics & Durability

SEAT & CUPRA - Ruben Rodriguez, Head of Xperience Design

- *CUPRA RAVAL*
Boosting emotions through UX

Polestar - Anna Baste, Senior user experience designer

- *Driven by design - Shaping the future of CarUX*

Matikon - Thorsten Süß, Global Director Design

- *Same but different*
New ways of interior decoration

Covestro - Lars Bogner, Application Development Manager

- *Smart Surface realized by printed electronics*

Q&A

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12:40 pm

LUNCH BREAK

01:45 pm

SESSION 5 - FROM COMPONENTS TO CABIN EXPERIENCE

Chairman: Aref TAHHAN, HMI Systems Architect at Bertrandt

icon incar – Florian Gulden, Founder

- *From Gigolo to partner therapist: How automotive design changes, why AI is good and why we need an Experience Defined Vehicle*

Valeo – Jean-Marc Tissot, R&I HMI Design & Ergonomics Manager & Bastien Maube, Experience

- *Panovision Awareness*

Texas Instruments – Jorge Gonzalez, Product Marketing Manager

- *A Decade of Automotive DLP: From proof to platform*

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Q&A

02:55 pm

COFFEE BREAK

03:15 pm

SESSION 6 - THE NEXT INTERIOR PLATFORM BEYOND THE FEATURE RACE

Chairman: Samuel Wijk, Head of product at Azeaa

Azeaa – Samuel Wijk, Head of product

- *Beyond the Screen*
- *Light & Sound as the Forgotten UX Outputs: How the cabin experience bleeds past the display and why someone needs to own it*

Antolin – Daniel Mann, Applied Innovation Project Manager

- *A next-generation full headliner system: INMERSA: Turning the Headliner into an Intelligent Acoustic System*

Renault – Xavier Chalandon, HMI Expert Leader

- *HMI method & tools*

Prove Realities – Werner Strathaus, CEO

- *VR is dead, but the dead don't wear plaid!*

EDAG – Jannes Buthmann, Global Head of Lighting & Display Systems

- *Automated Touch Validation: Scaling Interior UX Quality Through Robotics*

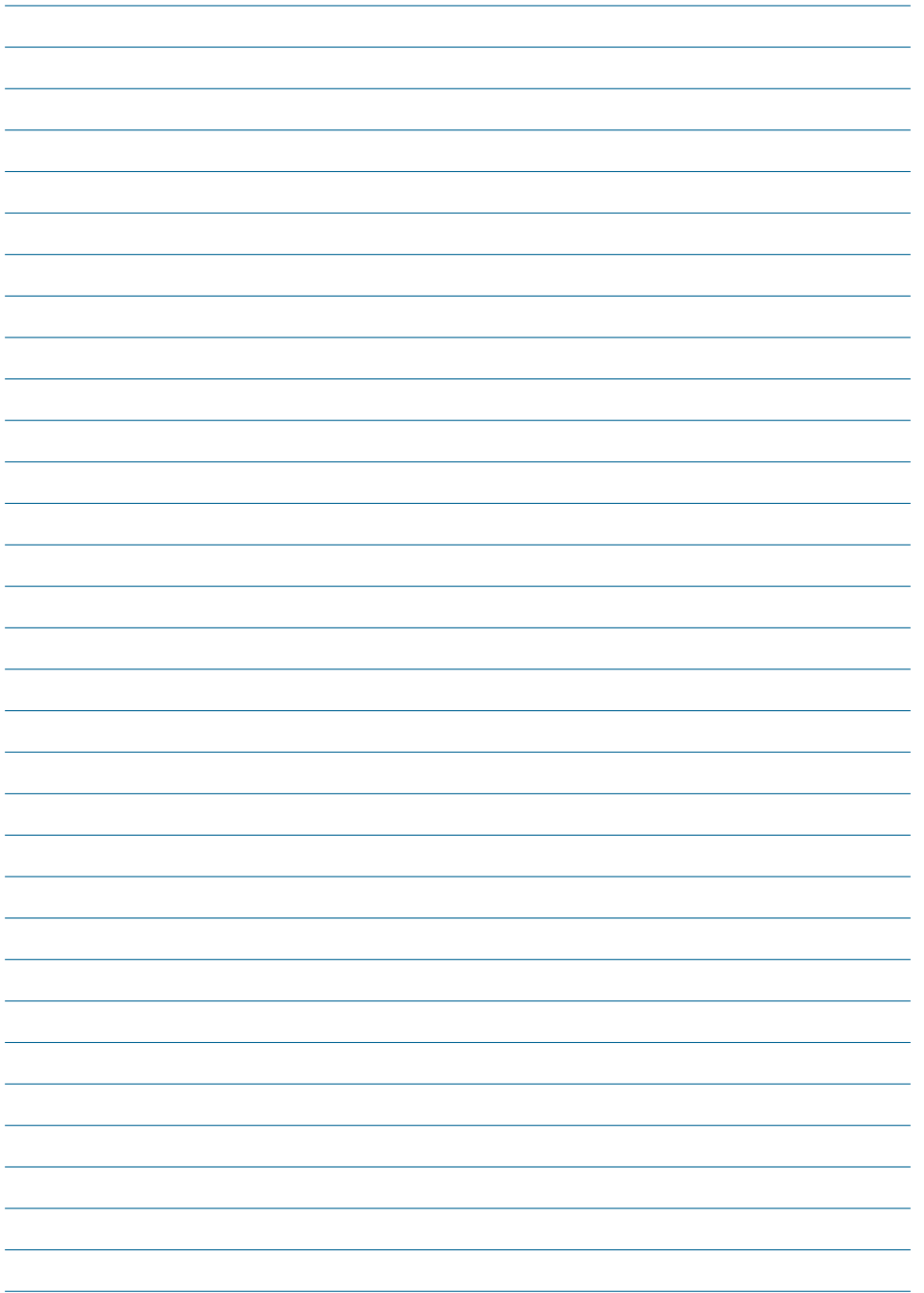
SunLED Life Science Research B.V. – Zhou Zhou, Senior Product Manager

- *Improving the In-Cabin Experience with Health & Wellness Innovation*

Q&A

04:55 pm

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