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THE
AUTONOMOUS
MAIN EVENT 2026

Building Trust for Autonomy to Scale

Hofburg, Vienna & Virtually | September 23-24, 2026

Key Themes for 2026

- | Scaling autonomy through trust and shared responsibility
- | Secure, scalable Edge AI frameworks for autonomy
- | From cars to robots: shared autonomy foundations
- | Scaling autonomous machines in off-highway environments
- | Humanoids and the future of physical AI
- | Regulating trust: from testbeds to large-scale deployment

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First Confirmed Speakers:



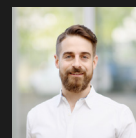
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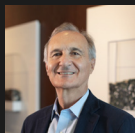
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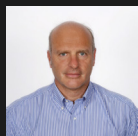
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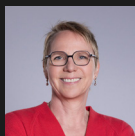
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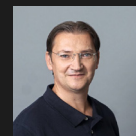
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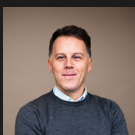
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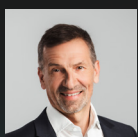
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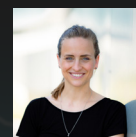
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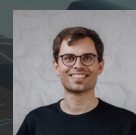
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Agenda

Program Day 1

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Workshops

Day 1 of the event will once again be fully dedicated to workshops.

This format offers an in-depth dive into technical topics through thorough discussions and interactive formats. Led by experts, they provide excellent networking opportunities for 30 to 40 participants, with each session lasting 1.5 hours.

12:45

Doors Open - Welcome Coffee

Workshop I

Safety Autonomous Driving:
Requirements and Architecture

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Working Group Safety & Architecture

13:30 - 15:00

Workshop II

From Pilot to Practice: Accelerating the Industrial Deployment
of Autonomous Systems in Europe Building trusted test environments
and regulatory sandboxes for scalable autonomy

Hosted by



15:00

Break

Workshop III

Topic to be announced soon

Hosted by



16:00 - 17:30

Workshop IV

To be Defined

Program Day 2

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Main Stage

Day 2 will be fully dedicated to Main Stage content, unveiling insightful C-level keynotes and engaging panel discussions.

8:00	Networking & Coffee
9:00	Welcome Address Ricky Hudi, <i>Chairman - The Autonomous</i> Georg Kopetz, <i>CEO - TTTECH</i> Peter Schaefer, <i>Executive Vice President and CSO Automotive - Infineon</i> Lars Reger, <i>CTO - NXP</i>
9:30	Opening Fireside Chat Georg Kopetz, <i>CEO - TTTECH</i> Young Sohn, <i>Founding Managing Partner - Walden Catalyst Ventures</i> Alexander Pröll, <i>State Secretary - Republic of Austria</i> Sophia Kircher, <i>Member of the European Parliament</i>
9:50	Keynote How Autonomous Robots Earn Their Place Péter Fankhauser, <i>Co-founder & CEO - ANYbotics</i>
10:10	Keynote Johann Jungwirth, <i>Executive Vice President, Autonomous Vehicles - Mobileye</i>
10:30	The Autonomous Update 1 Working Group "Safety and Architecture": TrustMotion hosted 2 Working Group "Safety of Embedded AI": Infineon hosted
10:45	Morning Break
11:25	Panel I Framework for Edge AI (Hosted by TrustMotion) Moderator: Stefan Poledna, <i>VP System Incubation & CTO - TrustMotion</i> - Christina Strohrmann, <i>Head of AI Research - Bosch</i> - Peng Xu, <i>VP Horizon Robotics, GM Automotive Europe - Horizon Robotics</i> - Gilles Mabire, <i>CTO (Valeo Brain division) - Valeo</i> - Alexandre Corjon, <i>SVP of Engineering - Sonatus</i> - Simone Fabris, <i>VP Product and Delivery - Wayve</i>
12:10	Keynote Verify, Don't Trust: How Europe Wins the Autonomy Race It Thinks It Has Lost André Loesekrug-Pietri, <i>Chairman & Scientific Director - Joint European Disruptive Initiative (JEDI)</i>

12:30 Fireside Chat (Hosted by PSWP)

Regulating Trust – How Autonomous Systems Move From Testbed to Scale.

Moderator: Frederic Geber, Partner - PSWP

- Gesa Gräf, Government Affairs Manager - DACH - Starship Technologies
- Franco Accordino, Head of Unit "Intelligent Connected Mobility, Energy and Internet of Things" - European Commission
- Maria Alonso, Autonomous Systems Lead - World Economic Forum

13:00 Networking & Lunch

14:30 Keynote

The Future of Physical AI is Built on Chips

Philipp von Schierstaedt,

Chief Sales Officer Consumer, Compute & Connectivity - Infineon

14:50 Panel II

Off-highway market (Hosted by TTControl)

Moderator: to be announced soon

- Enrico Salvatori, SVP & President Qualcomm Europe - Qualcomm
- Ingo Stürmer, CTO - Volvo Autonomous Solutions
- Thomas Biringer, CTO - Rosenbauer
- Matthias Benz, CEO - Zeppelin

15:35 Disruptors' track

Roofline

15:45 Keynote

Julia Badger, Moon Base's Surface Mobility Deputy Lead - NASA

16:05 Afternoon Break

16:45 Keynote

Your 100 AI Pilots Are Not a Strategy: Are You Ready for Multi-Agent Orchestration?

Dorothee Andermann, Head of Technical Account Management - Google

17:05 Panel III

Automotive and robotics trust foundations (Hosted by Infineon & NXP)

Moderator: to be announced soon

- Lars Reger, CTO - NXP
- Peter Schaefer, EVP & CSO Automotive - Infineon
- Mathias Pillin, CTO - Bosch
- Arne Nordmann, VP Technology & Innovation - NEURA Robotics

17:50 Extreme Tech Challenge

Extreme Tech Challenge collaborates with The Autonomous;

Chairman Young Sohn will announce their Excellence in Applied AI Award winner.

18:05 Closing Remarks

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Impressions



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(Day 1 + Day 2)

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