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Announcement and Call for Papers

17th International Symposium
and accompanying Exhibition on
Vehicle Safety Systems – AIRBAG 2026

December 8-10, 2026
Convention Center, Mannheim, Germany

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17th International Symposium on Vehicle Safety Systems

Get ready for an exciting gathering at the 17th event in the AIRBAG Symposium series – the leading international event focused on integral vehicle safety systems! We invite engineers, scientists, legislators, managers, and marketing experts from around the globe to converge for two and a half dynamic days of knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration aimed at enhancing safety for all road users.

The symposium provides a neutral platform for attendees to dive deep into relevant topics, including insights from international accident studies, the legislative framework shaping our industry, and the latest automotive trends and developments. Participants will explore groundbreaking innovations at both the system and component levels, along with the tools and methods essential for successfully bringing these systems to market.

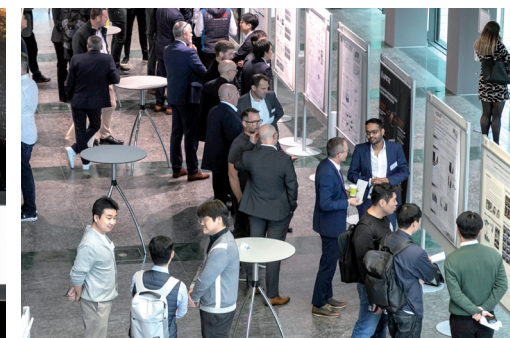
The program will also offer a forward-looking perspective on future applications and new business opportunities in the field of vehicle safety. Join us in preparing the way towards safer roads, and be part of the conversation that shapes the future of automotive safety.

Welcome to AIRBAG 2026 in Mannheim, Germany

Dr. Lars-Fredrik Berg
Chairman of the symposium

Good to know

The organizer, the Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology ICT, is an independent research and development facility for the development, testing and simulation of gas generators and airbag-related technologies. It is a division of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Europe's largest organization for applied research.



AIRBAG 2026 at a glance

- Symposium with lectures of addressing all relevant aspects of integral vehicle safety systems
- Technical and scientific poster session
- Exhibition area for commercial presentation of innovations
- Evening receptions for networking
- For further information see www.airbag-symposium.eu

Lectures

by world-leading experts from OEMs, suppliers, universities and public authorities on the following topics (open for your contribution; please submit your lecture title, a 300-word abstract and the name(s) of the author(s) to the conference management manuela.wolff@ict.fraunhofer.de by May 8th, 2026):

- Updates in ratings and legislation
- Safety for alternative vehicle classes
- In-cabin and exterior sensing and sensor fusion
- Adaptivity of safety systems
- Reclined seating safety
- Benefits through application of artificial intelligence in the development of safety systems
- Virtual engineering and testing
- Innovations in safety products – airbag systems, steering wheel, seat and belt systems, etc.
- Interior innovations for the vehicle of the future

Technical and scientific poster session

Proposals for poster presentations are very welcome along with written manuscripts, which will be included in the proceedings. We expect contributions at the cutting edge of technical development. Purely commercial presentations will be assigned to the exhibition. Poster authors will be registered as participants and will be charged the registration fee.

Please submit your poster title, a 300-word abstract and the name(s) of the author(s) by May 8th, 2026 to the conference management (manuela.wolff@ict.fraunhofer.de).

Exhibition for commercial presentation

A limited number of booths are available to present commercial applications. Exhibition space will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please contact the exhibition management as early as possible (vera.keplinger@ict.fraunhofer.de) to make your reservation (the final deadline is May 8th, 2026).

