

#WeDriveEU

**The Automotive Aftermarket -
Driving Force of Europe's
Competitiveness and Resilience**



DATE

**TUESDAY
9 JUNE 2026**

VENUE

**RENAISSANCE HOTEL
BRUSSELS**

FORMAT

**IN-PERSON
EVENT**

PROGRAMME

17:30 REGISTRATION

18:00 OPENING | **Sylvia Gotzen** Chief Executive, FIGIEFA

18:05 KEYNOTE
The Commission's policies to foster competitiveness and resilient supply chains | **Dr. Mark Nicklas** Head of Unit Automotive, Mobility Industries, DG GROW, European Commission

18:20 KEYNOTE
Extending the lifecycle of the vehicle for true circularity and a strong, innovative European Automotive Industry | **Paulius Saudargas** Member of the European Parliament - EPP Group

18:35 SHORT VIDEO PROJECTION | **"We Drive EU"**

18:40 PANEL DISCUSSION
The Automotive Aftermarket as a Central Pillar of Europe's Industrial Competitiveness and Resilience

MODERATOR
Ronan McDonagh
Technical Director, FIGIEFA

Stéphane Antiglio President, Parts Holding Europe

Thomas Aukamm Managing Director AIRC, European Association of Body Workshops

Léa Dégardin Director of European Affairs at Mobivia

Alex Erdmann Manager External Affairs, MAHLE Aftermarket GmbH

Dr. Daniel John Head of the Actuarial Department for Non-Life Insurance, HUK-COBURG

19:25 CONCLUSIONS | **Pierre Thibaudat** Director General, ADPA

19:30 COCKTAIL & DINNER RECEPTION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES **Álvaro de la Cruz** Head of Communication, FIGIEFA

COALITION MEMBERS



COALITION SUPPORTERS



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