

Press Release

New Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit to present inspiring conference programme in Hamburg

Autonomous mobility is a hotly debated topic. Current research and technical solutions have been widely publicised, but many legal questions regarding city planning and infrastructure as well as data protection and liability have yet to be addressed. To discuss how autonomous mobility can be made a reality on Europe's roads, top-flight speakers will gather for the inaugural Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit hosted by Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC) in April 2026. The summit, accompanied by an exhibition, will unite experts from the fields of law, engineering and politics as well as industry and government representatives to explore key issues such as approval, operation, liability and standardisation of autonomous mobility solutions.

Hamburg, 21 January 2026 – “To make the mobility transition a success, it is necessary to create an appropriate legal, regulatory and operational framework. These vehicles must become part of our everyday reality and be present on our streets. We are pleased to provide the industry with the Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit as a platform for discussion and networking that will help accelerate approval processes and make Hamburg a pioneer of autonomous mobility. I am looking forward to welcoming many notable speakers,” said **Heiko M. Stutzinger, CEO of Hamburg Messe und Congress**.

The Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit enjoys broad support from Hamburg's policymakers. **Dr. Anjes Tjarks, Hamburg Senator for Traffic and the Mobility Transition** who will be among the **speakers at the Autonomous Mobility & Law Summits**, emphasised the city's special role: “By hosting the Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit, we are writing the next chapter of Hamburg's success story of international mobility congresses. For the first time, we will not only discuss technologies or visions but the entire ecosystem, from vehicles to the legal framework, and through to real-life operation in our cities. Once more, this makes Hamburg a source of inspiration for the mobility transition in Europe.”

The official welcome on Tuesday morning, moderated by **Dr. Janett Fahrenholz, Head of Regulatory Law at Volkswagen AG**, will be followed by the opening keynote address “Current Pathways to Road Traffic Automation – Opportunities and Challenges” by **Richard Damm, President of the Federal Authority for Motorised Traffic and Chairman of the UNECE Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)**. The ensuing programme will include keynote speeches and discussion panels involving **Prof. Dr. Anne Paschke** who teaches **Public, Technology and Digitalisation Law** at **Braunschweig Technical University** and is **Head of the Mobility Law Research Unit**, and **Prof. Dr.-Ing. Roman Henze, Head of the Vehicle Technology Institute (IfF) at Braunschweig Technical University**, among others. On the second day of the event, **Dr. Anjes Tjarks** will deliver a keynote address. The comprehensive agenda will be supplemented by an exhibition as well as networking opportunities.

To review the entire congress programme please visit: [Conference Agenda](#)

About the Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit 2026

The Autonomous Mobility & Law Summit (AML Summit) will take place at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg on 14 and 15 April 2026. Its target audience includes specialised jurists, technical experts as well as representatives of OEMs, government, municipal traffic authorities and science. The summit, accompanied by an industry exhibition, is organised by Hamburg Messe und Congress. It is Europe's first event merging autonomous mobility and its legal implications strategically in a single, interdisciplinary agenda. The topics range from technologies and ethical considerations to regulatory challenges. The conference programme comprises keynote speeches and panel discussions featuring highly reputable speakers, as well as networking opportunities.

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About Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH

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Global flagship exhibitions such as SMM – the leading international maritime trade fair, WindEnergy Hamburg, or INTERNORGA, the Global Platform for Hospitality and Foodservice, are meeting places for decision-makers and experts from around the world. They are augmented by a wide array of major guest events geared towards specific industries, such as aviation, mobility or renewable energy. HMC's broad portfolio of trade fairs and congresses puts a strong focus on industrial clusters that are well-established in the metropolis on the Elbe river.

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