CEE Automotive Supply Chain 2026

Conference/Exhibition/b2b/Networking

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2026: Conference

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration, morning coffee & snack**

09:30 - 09:40 **Opening speech**
Alexander Matušek, president, Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak republic
Robert Kiml, vice president, Automotive Industry Association of the Czech republic

09:40 - 10:10 **The future of the automotive industry in Europe: The EU's response to global challenges**
Ľudovít Ódor, member of the European parliament, former prime minister of Slovakia

10:10 - 11:00 **Current economic and geopolitical situation and the response of European policy - panel discussion**
Alexander Matušek, president, Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak republic
Robert Kiml, president, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Czech Republic & vice president, Automotive Industry Association of the Czech republic
Vladimír Vaňo, chief economist, Wealth Effect Management

11:00 - 11:40 **Coffee Break (40´)**

11:40 - 12:10 **Keeping automotive supply chains moving in an era of regulatory complexity**
Dąbrówka Król, head of clearance operations EEU, FedEx

12:10 - 12:40 **Why implementing local content in Europe is absolutely necessary?**
Stanislas Bailly, CEO, Sneci & board member, CLEPA

12:40 - 14:00 **Lunch (80´)**

14:00 - 14:30 **Analysis of structural dependencies and geopolitical pressures in the automotive value chain**
Zdeněk Dušek, partner, EY Czech republic

14:30 - 15:30 **Challenges and changes in supply chains from a Tier 1 perspective - panel discussion**
Petr Novák, director automotive operations & executive director production engineering, JTEKT European Operations
Lukáš Rosůlek, head of Schaeffler Czech republic
Dušan Valient, director, Trenčín technology center & engineering operations, Adient Slovakia
Pavol Turňa, CEO, Porsche Werkzeugbau & Porsche Smart Battery Shop

15:30 - 16:15 **Coffee Break (45´)**

16:15 - 16:30 **The Spanish automotive sector and Spanish presence in Slovakia**
Fermín López López, commercial attaché at the embassy of Spain in Slovakia

16:30 - 16:50 **Recent EU policy developments & impacts on the CEE automotive**
Zdeněk Petzl, executive director of the Automotive Industry Association of the Czech republic

16:50 - 17:20 **Five reasons to change your supply chain contracts**
Bruno Štefánik, partner, Wolf Theiss Bratislava

17:20 - 17:30 **Closing of the conference part**

17:30 - 19:00 **Free time (90´)**

19:00 - 22:30 **Evening networking reception**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 2026: Matchmaking

08:30 - 10:15 **First block of scheduled B2B meetings**

10:15 - 10:45 **Coffee Break (30´)**

10:45 - 12:30 **Second block of scheduled B2B meetings**

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch (60´)**

13:30 - 15:00 **Third block of scheduled B2B meetings**