

Forum on Powertrain for Sustainable Mobility

ÖVK and China SAE send a strong signal for international cooperation



The Austrian Society for Automotive Engineers (ÖVK), organizer of the International Vienna Motor Symposium, is pleased to announce a high-profile cooperation with **China SAE** on the occasion of the **Vienna Motor Symposium 2026**. This collaboration underscores the growing importance of international dialogue in the field of sustainable automotive technologies and provides important momentum for the future of mobility.

As a visible sign of this partnership, an event will take place on **Wednesday, 22 April 2026, from 15.30 to 18:45 hrs., before the official start of the Vienna Motor Symposium**. Under the title "**Forum on Powertrain for Sustainable Mobility**", ÖVK and China SAE invite you to the **Vienna Hofburg**—a place that combines tradition and the future in a special way.

The forum brings together **leading representatives of Chinese organizations and companies with European representatives of renowned automotive companies and development service providers**. The aim is to openly discuss different technological approaches, market strategies, and regulatory frameworks, to learn from each other, and to integrate these into their own strategies.

The forum will combine the technological strengths of the Chinese and European automotive industries to develop new paradigms for global powertrain efficiency.

It includes an in-depth interpretation of China's Technology Roadmap 3.0, strategic benchmarking against EU CO₂ regulations, and the exchange of best practices from industry leaders such as Great Wall Motors, AVL, and SERES Power.

The event will be chaired by **Prof. Xiangyang Xu**, Professor at Beihang University, Fellow of China SAE, Chair of Roadmap 3.0 Powertrain Group, and one of the key figures in the strategic orientation of Chinese powertrain research. Co-chair of the forum is **Prof. Uwe Grebe**, Professor of Powertrain and Automotive Technology at TU Wien.

The forum will open with a groundbreaking keynote speech by **Xiangyang Xu**, one of the co-authors of "**Roadmap 3.0**." In his presentation "**Energy-Saving and New Energy Vehicle Technology Roadmap 3.0 – High-Efficient Powertrain Special Topic Interpretation**", he will provide deep insights into the technological guidelines and efficiency strategies for future powertrain systems in China.

Other high-profile presentations from Europe and China will shed light on different perspectives of sustainable mobility:

- **Technology Neutrality – a Prerequisite for Sustainability and Resilience**
Stephan Neugebauer, BMW AG; Chair of European Road Transport Research Advisory Council (ERTRAC)
- **GWM Hi4: ONE Power Scalability Design – Bridging Off-Road Capability and Urban Mobility**
Yongqing Zhu, Chief Engineer, Power and Chassis R&D Center, Great Wall Motor (GWM)
- **Powertrains for Sustainable Mobility: “One Fits All” or Market Specific Solutions?**
Lukas Walter, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Engineering, AVL List GmbH
- **Applications and Trends of REV in China**
Zhigang Wang, General Manager, SERES Energy and Power Research Institute, Chongqing Seres Phoenix Intelligent Innovation Technology Co., Ltd.

The forum will conclude with a panel discussion on the topic:

“Comparison of China-Europe Automotive Technology Routes under the Goal of Sustainable Development, European Market Layout Strategies of Chinese Enterprises, and Battery Supply Chain and Technological Development.”

This closing round, with the participation of all speakers and the addition of Ruiping Wang, CEO, Aurobay Holding, will provide in-depth insight into the strategic and economic considerations of the individual shareholders.

With the **Forum on Powertrain for Sustainable Mobility**, ÖVK and China SAE are creating an exclusive platform for open exchange, strategic networking, and sustainable impetus - adding another strong international dimension to the Vienna Motor Symposium 2026.

Registration for the “Powertrain for Sustainable Mobility” forum is open to all registered participants of the Vienna Motor Symposium.