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Visit Odette stand #22. Our team of experts will be on hand to discuss your digital ambitions and showcase the solutions available to translate your digital strategies into real-life solutions.

Labelling made easy: Meet the father of the VW TSB Generator, Thomas Sieck, to get tips for compliant transport label generation, and Odette guru, Joerg Walther, who will demonstrate the Odette GTL Generator.

REST API and microservices: Participate in the demonstration of a proof-of-concept API platform providing full visibility over the transport process and facilitating the transition to full paperless transport.

Digitalising OFTP2 Partner Master Data: See the latest feature of OFTP2 – Partner Data Exchange Using XML – simplifying the management of partner data and the exchange of certificates.

Achieve SCM Excellence: Learn about the latest enhancements in MMOG v6 to keep up with evolving SCM and logistics processes and the continuous improvement of the cloud-based MMOG platform.

Finished Vehicle Logistics Digitalisation: Pick up on the latest initiatives in place to consolidate the digitalisation of the FV distribution process and how collaboration is the key to a successful standards development process.

Packaging Management Toolbox: Your questions answered about the range of Odette tools available for the effective management of packaging from design and manufacture to daily use in the supply chain and asset control. Learn also about the initiative being launched by Odette to meet the latest regulatory challenges facing the suppliers and users of automotive packaging.

Get involved: Understand how to play a role in the transformation of the industry, share knowledge, get new ideas and influence the development of standards by making the digital connection and getting involved in the Odette Technology Group. You will certainly make new friends at the same time!

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- Smart B2B Process Integration
- Workflow automation
- Smooth partner onboarding
- Compliance with all EDI standards
- Support of label & bar code processes
- Improving relationships in the supply chain

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Monday

	Ballroom 2	Ballroom 1
11.30	**Delegates Registration/Lunch**	
13.00	**Welcome** **Robert Cameron,** Head of Production, Logistics & Aftermarket, **VDA**, Chairman, **Odette International** **Marcus Bollig,** Managing Director, **VDA** **Berenike Hoehne,** Overall Program Management ONE Log, **Volkswagen Group Logistics**	
13.45	**Session change over break**	
13.50	**Robert Bosch - Peter LUKASSEN** Building a circular automotive industry **XPO - Pascal BORN** Sustainable transport: the challenges facing us all and the solutions available	**Schwarz Group - Alexander KOLLMANN** Living la ViDA Loca – Everything you need to know about VAT in the Digital Age **UN/CEFACT - Andreas PELEKIES** Shifting Priorities in eInvoicing: Navigating ViDA's Cross-Border Directives
14.50	**Coffee break**	
15.30	**51Biz Luxembourg - Rudy HEMELEERS** eFTI - a unique opportunity for authorities and logistics service providers **Maersk - Lars KARLSSON** Get ready for Global Trade 2.0 – Top Tips for handling Customs	**Leuze electronic - Frederick SCHAEFER** Rolling out Global eInvoicing **Yusen Logistics - Petr SMIDLIK** Managing Reusable Transport Items using RFID
16.30	**Session change over break**	
16.35	**ams OSRAM Group - Oliver RUPPRECHT** How to keep up with IT Integration Challenges **VW - Andrea SŰMER / Odette - Joerg WALTHER** Microservices – transitioning transport to less paper and more visibility	**Renault - Olivier COTILLARD** Circular Economy - a key factor in packaging **Volvo Group - Audrey PISKULA** Packaging regulations: Collecting the data to satisfy increasingly stringent legal requirements
17.35	**Amazon - Michael GERRITY** A culture of innovation	
18.05	**Odette International 2023 Awards**	
18.30	**Cocktail Reception in the Exhibition**	
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Tuesday

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09.15	**Stellantis - Michael GORNY** Stellantis supply chain digital roadmap	
09.45	**Session change over break**	
09.50	**PipeChain - Hans BERGGREN** Forecasting customer demand with AI **Roundtable** Digital messaging standards – Is the original still the best?	**mts Maschinenbau - Eckhard LAIBLE / ALSCO - Tony SUN** Packing the power: Developing standard packaging for the battery supply chain **ECG - Andreea SERBU / VDA - Robert CAMERON** Calculating and reporting GHG emissions in the automotive supply chain
10.50	**Coffee break**	
11.30	**Jaguar Land Rover - David BRINDLEY** From combustion to electrification: re-designing plant logistics **ZF Group - John SOBECK** Transformation @ ZF - Our E-Mobility Strategy	**Volkswagen Logistics - Benedict BAYER / Marie BRANDES** FVL in Volkswagen Group – why cooperation with LSPs is the key to success **Bosch Service Solutions - David-Christian LAUBER / RIO - Fabian MAIER** Integrating smaller operators in the digitalisation of vehicle logistics
12.30	**Session change over break**	
12.35	**ACC - Automotive Cells Company - Olivier TALABARD** Importance of standards in building a new supply chain	**Elsen - Michael SPAETH** Digitalisation! An on-going challenge for SMEs
13.05	**Lunch**	
14.15	**BMW - Felix GERBIG** Enabling the Catena-X Data Space **OFTP2 Expert Group – Marvin HUBL** OFTP2 and Catena-X: An integrative perspective	
15.00	**End programme**	

Welcome

Robert CAMERON
Head of Production,
Logistics & Aftermarket, **VDA**
Chairman, **Odette International**

Marcus BOLLIG
Managing Director
VDA

Group logistics on the move - more digital, more resilient, more fit for the future

Berenike HOEHNE
Overall Program Management ONE Log, **Volkswagen Group Logistics**

Pandemics, environmental disasters and wars - crises are the new normal and logistics must be able to counter the effects. How can we adapt to ever-changing demands and challenges? How can we harness the potential of digitalisation to become more efficient, flexible and sustainable? And how can we become more resilient to crises and disruptions?

Dr. Berenike Höhne will show how Volkswagen Group Logistics is on the move to become more digital, resilient and future-proof and will provide inspiring insights into current trends and best practice from different logistics improvement projects.

Monday
13.50 – 14.50
Ballroom 2

Breakout
Solutions for Sustainable Supply Chains

Moderator
Robert Cameron
VDA

Building a circular automotive industry

Peter LUKASSEN
Director of Sustainability, **Robert Bosch**

Sustainable transport: the challenges facing us all and the solutions available

Pascal BORN
Vice President, Strategic Account Management, **XPO**

Low Emissions Zones, roadmap to neutral carbon footprint, European Trading System, alternatives fuels, electrification, multimodal: all companies are facing unprecedent challenges that will drive heavy structural changes to their supply chains.

Discover in this presentation a 360° review of the current supply chain challenges but more importantly concrete solutions to plan & act today.

- Understand transport & logistics challenges ahead
- Investigate concrete solutions available now or in the near future
- Where to start? Act today to be ready for tomorrow change

Living la ViDA Loca – Everything you need to know about VAT in the Digital Age

Alexander KOLLMANN
Head of Transactional Tax Reporting, **Schwarz Group**

Tax Authorities around the world want to be provided with more invoice and tax data within a much shorter timeframe. This has led to a fragmented regulatory landscape with a multitude of different tax-reporting and e-invoicing schemes in operation.

To avoid further proliferation, in Europe at least, the EU is introducing ViDA to harmonize e-invoicing and tax-reporting standards. There is some resistance from those countries which already have domestic schemes in place or planned so we must find smart ways to protect existing investments without obstructing a fully digitalised Europe where paper invoices no longer exist.

Shifting Priorities in eInvoicing: Navigating ViDA's Cross-Border Directives

Andreas PELEKIES
UN/CEFACT eInvoicing Expert

The automotive sector, adept at eInvoicing using EDIFACT messages, is approaching a critical juncture with the advent of the ViDA Directive. In its current form, this directive mandates EN16931 conformance for cross-border e-invoicing, marking a significant deviation from the current e-invoicing practices of many countries in Europe.

While the automotive industry has tailored its e-invoicing standards to suit automatic processing and domestic tax transactions, the ViDA Directive steers a new route towards a unified standard for cross-border invoicing. Given the current non-alignment of EN16931 with automotive industry needs, the new route presents major challenges such as a potential surge in invoice volumes and more complex validation routines.

This presentation aims to highlight these looming challenges and rally Odette member companies and national organisations to step up their involvement in European standardisation endeavours to ensure a smooth entry to this new eInvoicing highway.

- A short dive into the sequential emphasis on receiving EN16931 compliant invoices before sending them, as necessitated by the ViDA Directive for cross-border eInvoicing.
- An inside look at the practical mechanics of EN16931 standardisation at CEN, providing a basic understanding of the current standardisation landscape.
- Awareness of the potential challenges such as increased invoice volumes and more complex validation, underscoring the urgent need for active engagement in standardisation initiatives to align EN16931 with automotive industry requirements.

eFTI - a unique opportunity for authorities and logistics service providers

Rudy HEMELEERS
Strategy and Policy Advisor Transport and Logistics
51Biz Luxembourg

The EU 2020/1056 eFTI Regulation is expected to become fully applicable during the first half of 2026. The regulation mandates that the authorities of the 27 Member States must be able to receive transport information in a harmonised digital format. eFTI is not mandatory for economic operators, but if they want to share data with authorities they must use so-called eFTI Platforms.

Using a real-world use case, Rudy will provide a hands-on presentation how the EU eFTI exchange environment will enable transport operators to share transport information, such as a CMR consignment note or dangerous goods document, with the relevant authorities.

Get ready for Global Trade 2.0 – Top Tips for handling Customs

Lars KARLSSON
Global Head of Trade & Customs, **Maersk**

Customs can be complex and consume a lot of resource but neglecting them can seriously hurt and expose vulnerabilities in your business. Handled the right way, however, they can help improve the business, secure growth, and even create an edge against your competitors.

Lars Karlsson will share his top five tips to optimise the flow of your supply chain and handling of customs. He will also explain how AI will help to solve trade compliance challenges.

Monday 15.30 – 16.30 Ballroom 1	**Breakout** **Tailoring Ready-to-Wear Solutions**	**Moderator** Jörg Walther Odette

Rolling out Global eInvoicing

Frederick SCHAEFER
Director Digital Sales
Leuze electronic

Thomas BRAUN
Account Director
Retarus

Leuze electronic, an international supplier of sensors which are used in all different areas of automotive production, as well as in many other industries across the world, are implementing an eInvoicing solution with customers in several countries.

Frederick Schäfer, Director Digital Sales, will explain exactly what Leuze are doing in terms of eInvoicing and how they plan to rollout the service globally.

Managing Reusable Transport Items using RFID

Petr SMIDLIK
Head of IT, **Yusen Logistics**

Yusen Logistics will demonstrate how to find and use the best RFID technology for marking and managing returnable packaging in the automotive industry.

They will show how to tune both software and hardware and how to train the users to implement the proper processes to improve and speed up the flow of returnable packaging and explore the possibility of cross connecting RFID technology with EDI.

Monday 16.35 – 17.35 Ballroom 2	**Breakout** **IT Integration and Technology Change**	**Moderator** Thomas Bäzner SEEBURGER
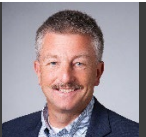
How to keep up with IT Integration Challenges

Oliver RUPPRECHT
Head of IT Integration Solutions, **ams OSRAM Group**

A modern IT Integration Team in an agile environment always needs to be ready for any type of integration demand with a 24x7 high availability platform and self-services. Newer integration patterns like API and MFT or technologies like Data Lake might need to be served, potentially even combined with classic integration patterns like EDI / B2B and technologies like AS2, OFTP2 or SFTP in one interface. Learn, how ams OSRAM keeps up with this challenge.

- Why we all need integration/interfaces every day
- How technology change is driving Integration
- How One Platform can help to adopt your capabilities to the demand short-term

Andrea SŰMER
Supply Chain Expert
Volkswagen

Joerg WALTHER
ICT Expert
Odette International

All automotive companies are seeking to reduce paper documents and enhance visibility in supply chain transport processes. REST API is a promising technology enabling micro services to seamlessly gather information throughout the transport chain to report progress and the achievement of key events. An Odette recommendation on how micro services can be harmonised in terms of functionality and data structures was published in September 2021.

Now Andrea Sümer and Jörg Walther will report on the first implementation of this recommendation and use of these services in a proof-of-concept visibility application and will show how to start the transition to paperless by digitalisation of the waybill and other documents in the transport process.

Monday 16.35 – 17.35 Ballroom 1	**Breakout** **Packaging - the Red Cells of the Automotive** **Supply Chain**	**Moderator** Patrick Reilhac GALIA
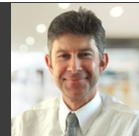
Circular Economy - a key factor in packaging

Olivier COTILLARD
Supply Chain - Global Packaging Expert, **Renault**

Digitalisation is the buzz word but let's get back to basics: without these very physical objects called "packaging", the Supply Chain can't exist. They are the red cells of our industry, transporting parts, rather than oxygen.

For decades, we have been designing packaging solutions to optimise not just the cost of the packaging itself but also the cost of transportation, handling, storage, etc. This continuous optimisation has resulted in a huge use of returnable packaging and instead of generating millions of tons of packaging waste in our plants, each car manufacturer generates "only" many thousands of tons each year! Much of this is recycled but the level of waste is still enormous.

Olivier Cotillard insists that we must do even better by implementing every single principle of Circular Economy: rethink, reduce, replace, reuse, repair, retrofit, recycle, etc…

He knows that regulation will push the industry to act but believes that we must all collaborate to facilitate the implementation of the regulations and accelerate the drive to zero packaging waste.

Packaging regulations: Collecting the data to satisfy increasingly stringent legal requirements

Audrey PISKULA
Business Process Developer, **Volvo Group**

The focus on environmental protection has brought about a massive increase in regulations aimed at reducing packaging waste and eliminating single use plastic packaging. To comply with the new regulations, companies need to collect much more data about the constituent parts of the packaging that is used to move and store parts throughout the automotive supply chain.

Audrey Piskula will describe how Volvo Group is facing up to this challenge, identifying the additional data required, the difficulties involved in obtaining it and the lessons learned from the project so far.

Monday 17.35 – 18.05 Ballroom 2	**Plenary**	Moderator Pascal Born XPO

A culture of innovation

Michael GERRITY
Principal Customer Solutions Manager, **Amazon**

Amazon's approach to innovation has remained consistent since the company first launched—start with the customer and work backwards. In this session, Michael introduces Amazon's peculiar culture and how they innovate through four distinct yet interdependent elements: Culture, Mechanisms, Architecture, and Organization.

Dive deeper on each topic, and learn about practical applications including Leadership Principles, Working Backwards, Two-Pizza Teams, the PR/FAQ document, and why it's always still Day 1 at Amazon.

Odette Awards

Presentation of awards to industry members who have made an exceptional contribution to the aims and objectives of Odette

Tuesday 09.15 – 09.45 Ballroom 2	**Plenary**	**Moderator** Robert Cameron VDA

Stellantis supply chain digital roadmap

Michael GORNY
Vice President Supply Chain Transformation Projects, **Stellantis Group**

Tuesday 09.50 – 10.50 Ballroom 2	**Breakout** **The Future for Supply Chain Communications**	**Moderator** Michael Bogren Odette Sweden

Forecasting customer demand with AI

Hans BERGGREN
Group CEO & Co-founder
PipeChain

Mikael JOHANSSON
Sales Director
PipeChain

Since the mid 1980's, automotive customers have shared demand data with their suppliers but one of the biggest challenges has been forecast accuracy. PipeChain will describe its AI-supported forecasting tool for delivery schedules, helping suppliers to understand short-term variances as well as longer term forecast and volume trend in a better way. This will help to cut operational cost and release tied-up capital.

PipeChain will demonstrate how to use AI to better understand the industry's delivery schedule demand data and cut costs in the supply chain. This will be supported by a Tier 1 supplier's perspective on the benefits of using AI in demand management.

Digital messaging standards – Is the original still the best?

Rabea BARTYLLA
Process Expert
Robert Bosch

Jenny HERTZFELDT
Programme Manager
VDA

Petra LARSSON
Process Manager
Volvo Group

Terry ONICA
Director Automotive
QAD

Andrea SŰMER
Supply Chain Expert
Volkswagen

UN/EDIFACT, is still the most widespread digital messaging standard in today's automotive supply chain. Designed to facilitate efficient data exchange and optimised to support the key business processes of automotive production and the upstream supply chain, it has continued to fight off newer technologies which have presented themselves as pretenders to the crown.

At a time when everyone is using these new technologies in their everyday lives, major OEMs and Tier1 Suppliers will reflect on the reasons why EDIFACT based EDI messages still form the backbone of customer-supplier communications in the automotive industry. In this interactive session, you will be able to exchange with our panel and learn:

- the reasons they continue to rely on the EDIFACT message format
- the importance of implementing new message versions to support new business processes
- which new technologies are most likely to make inroads on the EDIFACT hegemony
- the best migration strategies, challenges and how to overcome them

Tuesday 09.50 – 10.50 Ballroom 1	**Breakout** **Latest Challenges for Supply Chain Transport**	**Moderator** Patrick Reilhac GALIA

Packing the power: Developing standard packaging for the battery supply chain

Eckhard LAIBLE
Managing Partner
mts Maschinenbau

Tony SUN
Founder and Chairman
ALSCO

Alsco Anwood Logistic is a leading Chinese producer of containers used in the EV battery supply chain and is today pooling standard reusable packaging for the complete packaging for Giga factories in China. mts Maschinenbau is a leading German producer of containers for the automated supply chain of battery pack production and batteries in different states and has developed the Liio box for criticial defect HV batteries.

In most cases, the production of EV battery components is located at some distance from battery pack production and the assembly plant. This means that transportation, containers and the packing density are very important cost factors. Current battery packaging is mostly of customised design and is often one-way but as HV Batteries, modules, cells have mostly similar dimensions so why can´t we use standardised containers?

Mr Sun will explain what Alsco is doing in China to produce standardised, re-useable products for new energy key players such as BYD and CATL. Dr. Laible will transfer this approach to the battery supply chain in Europe. He will identify the cases where it make sense to standardise containers and what the solutions could look like.

Calculating and reporting GHG emissions in the automotive supply chain

Andreea SERBU
Senior Manager External Affairs
ECG

Robert CAMERON
Head of Production,
Logistics & Aftermarket, **VDA**
Chairman, **Odette International**

The urgent requirement for more sustainable automotive logistics practices has led vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and logistics service providers to come together, under the auspices of ECG and VDA, to develop a guideline to standardise the calculation and reporting of Scope 3 GHG emissions within the automotive supply chain. The aim is to provide a clear framework for the application of ISO 14083 in the automotive industry, taking account of industry-specific requirements.

The first draft of the guideline has just been published and Andreea Serbu will tell us more about its scope, how it aligns with the ISO 14083 and the benefits of standardisation in this area for automotive players.

From combustion to electrification: re-designing plant logistics

David BRINDLEY

Senior Manager – MP&L Nitra, **Jaguar Land Rover**

The automotive industry is quickly moving to volume manufacture of battery electric vehicles, but how do you adapt your facilities to be ready for this evolution? After years of experience understanding the processes and challenges to engineer your facilities for ICE assembly, how do you adapt that thinking for a new technology with limited experience to learn from.

- Which challenges need to be considered in the facility readiness for battery handling/storage
- How should the traditional calculations for designing facilities be adapted
- What opportunities are created for existing operations

Transformation @ ZF - Our E-Mobility Strategy

John SOBECK

Vice President, Head of Materials Management Digitalization & Services, **ZF Group**

Ten years ago ZF was a Chassis and Powertrain supplier with excellent hardware products and a high dependency on internal combustion engine vehicles. Today ZF offers innovative E-Mobility solutions in all segments, from Passenger Cars and Commercial Vehicles to Industrial Applications and even Micro Mobility.

This transformation of ZF core business is based on a holistic strategy, covering product portfolio, supply base, strategic partners, internal processes as well as workforce and capabilities.

John Sobek will provide:

- Insights on ZF's transformation strategy
- Examples of lighthouse projects along the way
- An open exchange about challenges and solutions

Finished Vehicle Logistics in Volkswagen Group – why cooperation with LSPs is the key to success

Benedict BAYER
Product Owner
Volkswagen Logistics

**Marie BRANDES**
Product Owner
Volkswagen Logistics

Introducing a new message standard is easy: writing a specification, mapping some data, setting up a server and you are good to go, right? Wrong!

Hear from Volkswagen Group Logistics why close collaboration with LSPs and with associations, such as ECG, Odette and VDA, is a key success factor for the implementation of the standard FVL messages and how these messages are being used to support the efficient distribution of VW Group vehicles.

Integrating smaller operators in the digitalisation of vehicle logistics

David-Christian LAUBER
Director Digital Business Innovation
Bosch Service Solutions
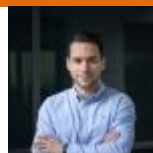
Fabian MAIER
Head of Product Excellence
RIO | The Logistics Flow

Improving integration and automation between OEMs and smaller transporters offers enormous potential for both sides. Bosch and RIO will demonstrate how networking between OEMs and smaller LSPs can be facilitated to provide added value.

Tuesday 12.35 – 13.05 Ballroom 2	**Breakout** **Building an EV Supply Chain**	**Moderator** Pascal Born XPO

Importance of standards in building a new supply chain

Olivier TALABARD
Director Supply Chain**, ACC - Automotive Cells Company**

Tuesday 12.35 – 13.05 Ballroom 1	**Breakout** **Completing the Digital Integration Journey**	**Moderator** Alois Labermayer Labal

Digitalisation! An on-going challenge for SMEs

Michael SPAETH
VP Lean Research & Digital Development**, Elsen**

Digitalisation of internal processes and supply chain operations has been at the heart of the strategy of automotive companies for many years and with the ever-increasing availability of enterprise software solutions, specialised service providers and standardised technology such as IOT, RFID, bar-coding, and APIs, it would seem to be not so difficult to achieve.

But many companies, especially SMEs, still struggle to comply with latest digital requirements of their customers, so what are the roadblocks and, more importantly, what could be the solutions?

With years of experience in the digitalisation of automotive processes, Michael Spaeth will explore the causes of the roadblocks. He will then share some possible solution paths that can be used to build a roadmap to streamline core processes and will provide examples of tools and support that are available from OEMs and industry associations to help smaller companies face up to the digitalisation challenge.

Tuesday 14.15 – 15.45 Ballroom 2	**Plenary**	**Moderator** Jörg Walther Odette

Enabling the Catena-X Data Space

Felix GERBIG
Product Owner**, BMW**

This presentation provides an introduction to the technical foundation and services that enable the Catena-X data space. How data is made available via digital twins, how trust between data provider and consumer is established and how data is exchanged through the Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC).

- Learn how Catena-X proposes to simplify digital interactions and change the way that companies exchange data
- Gain an understanding of core Catena-X Data Space components

OFTP2 and Catena-X: An integrative perspective

Marvin HUBL
IT Consultant, SCC-Services**, OFTP2 Expert Group**

Product engineering in automotive is a confidential collaboration process between OEM and supplier and relies on secure data transfer technologies such as OFTP2. In the collaboration process, the protection of intellectual property is crucial and data sovereignty is seen by many as a key element in the protection of IP. Catena-X has been developing approaches to the question of data sovereignty but the integration of well-proven technologies like OFTP2 is still an open issue. Dr Hubl will demonstrate the practical steps that are being taken by the Odette community to ensure interoperability of current Odette tools and recommendations with Catena-X methods, providing:

- An overview of the current situation with respect to Catena-X and the corresponding Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC)
- Insights into the process of how Odette becomes a Catena-X lead user with SSC-Services as IT Enabler
- An understanding of how the OFTP2 Expert Group can contribute to develop a technical solution to connect with the EDC, including a potential update of the current OFTP2 RFC and Implementation Guidelines

Timing

Bus boarding takes place in front of the Titanic Hotel main entrance

Monday 20 November

11.30 – 13.00	Delegates registration/Lunch
13.00 – 18.30	Programme
18.30 – 19.30	Cocktail reception in exhibition area
19.30 – 19.45	Bus transfer to evening event location
	(Parking available for individual cars around the Classic Remise in Wiebestraße and Sickingenstraße. Free from 19.00).
	Limited cloakroom facilities.
20.00	Visit of the Classic Remise Museum. Networking evening dinner
22.45 – 23.00	Bus transfer back to Titanic hotel

Tuesday 21 November

08.30 – 09.15	Welcome back
09.30 – 15.15	Programme
15.30 – 15.45	Buses to airport
15.45	Bus to BMW Motorbike factory

Networking Evening   Monday 18.30 – 22.45

Capitalise on this unique opportunity where logistics and IT professionals from the global automotive supply chain come together under one roof.

Following a cocktail in the exhibition area, delegates will be transported to a special location for an entertaining evening dinner. This is one of the highlights of the Conference and is an excellent opportunity to network and spend the evening with colleagues, competitors and customers in a relaxed atmosphere.

The event will take place at the exclusive **Berlin Classic Remise** with a visit of its exceptional museum.

It is offered free of charge by **editel** to all conference delegates.

Bring lots of business cards!

The cars are very precious and we are asked to remind everyone: Touch with your eyes only!

Secure Data Exchange

Secure data transfer with OFTP2

Used globally, OFTP2 is tailored to the specific communications requirements of automotive industry stakeholders and is the most widely used protocol for the exchange of mission critical automotive data across the public internet. It enables flawless and secure transmission between companies, ensuring that confidential and sensitive information is transmitted quickly and in complete security.

The success of the protocol has resulted in an increasing number of OFTP2 software packages becoming available on the market across the world.

To ensure that these different software packages can communicate successfully with each other, Odette operates an OFTP2 Software Interoperability Testing Service. For companies wishing to implement OFTP2, this service means that they can rely on the proven interoperability of software which has been tested against Odette specifications, making the job of software selection that much easier.

Odette continuously monitors evolutions in communication technology to ensure that the protocol is at the leading edge and pre-empts any new security requirements.

Latest feature in OFTP2

To assist user companies, large and small, to optimise their use of the different security configurations offered by OFTP2, the OFTP2 Expert Group has developed a new functionality – **OFTP2 Partner Data Exchange using XML** - to help simplify the management of partner data, including the setting up and maintenance of connections, as well as the exchange of certificates.

The solution devised by the Group is an XML schema which acts as a digital OFTP2 data sheet, containing all the information required to set up an OFTP2 connection or update the information.

This file can be distributed to partners via various means (e-mail, website download, OFTP, etc.) and can be imported by the partner into any compliant OFTP2 software to set up or modify the connection without any additional manual input.
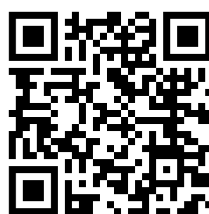
The feature is currently under deployment in new releases of OFTP2 software solutions and users should contact their vendor for more details.