

COVESA Wraps-up Another All Member Meeting in Porto

COVESA enjoyed another All Member Meeting in the beautiful city of Porto, Portugal, with just over 200 people in attendance. A big "thank you" goes out to our event sponsors and showcase participants shown in the graphic below. Sessions, slides and many videos from the three-day program are found [here](#).

The first half-day of the program focused on introductory sessions to [Vehicle Signal Specification](#) and [How to engage in COVESA expert groups and projects](#). Unlike previous AMMs, a three-session focus on vehicle App Stores closed the day with a [market view](#), an appeal for a [new COVESA group](#) and then a working session to advance a [Charter document](#) for that group.

Wednesday was the busiest day with multiple tracks ranging from a business-level track, to a series of meetings to advance the work of the [Data Expert Group](#). Matt Jones and Shareef Hakim from Ford tag-teamed on sharing what OEMs are looking for in the [future of connected vehicles](#), followed by a presentation by Gerald Spreitz from Bosch on [Vehicles in a Digital Ecosystem](#). Next up on the business track was an excellent presentation by Maitê Alves Bezerra from Informa Tech Automotive Group on [Understanding the Software Defined Future](#). Also new to this AMM was the presentation and panel led by Magnus Liljeqvist of Volvo Trucks on [Fleet Operations](#) and the value of open collaboration to advance that sector. The remainder of the business track addressed subjects like sustainable software architectures (Aptiv), services as software-enabled revenues (Informa-led panel), the future of in-vehicle experiences (Stellantis) and the legal framework needed for software defined vehicles (RTI). Slides and videos of these sessions can also be found on the [event page](#).

Another highlight on Wednesday was the story telling of two Ford employees that drove [from Cologne Germany to Porto in an electric vehicle](#), and the charging anxieties and victories along the way. Wednesday closed with a member showcase and reception during which several organizations presented their products and services and several vehicles were displayed.

COVESA Community Director Paul Boyes will post a separate blog regarding the highlights of the technical programs, including other new projects (besides the App Store) under discussion within COVESA.

COVESA is finalizing plans for its fall 2023 member meeting, likely to be in the Detroit-area on 10-12 October. Sponsorship opportunities and showcase tables are available and can be secured by contacting Mike Nunnery (mikenunnery@comcast.net). We look forward to another great event in the fall and hope to see you there.

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