

ELA Conference 2026 - Artificial Intelligence & Vertical Mobility
The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Vertical Mobility and Safety

Rotterdam - Thursday 28th May 2026

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 – 09:45 | Welcome

Wim Koster - ELA President
Reinier Geradts - VLR President
Mihaela Lafont - European Commission - AI Office
Marjon Oosting – Liftinstituut (Moderator)

09:45 – 10:25 | The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Vertical Mobility and Safety

“Understanding AI and shaping what comes next”
Rommy van de Pol - Freelance AI strategist
“Accelerating Design and Quality in Elevators Through Artificial Intelligence”
Jo Tetsill - OTIS

10:25 – 10:45 | Engineering & Training (i.e. use of AI in the school)

“AI: Silver Bullet or Heuristic Machine? The inconvenient side effects of AI regarding Cybersecurity”
Tijmen Molema – Liftinstituut
Marjon Oosting - Q&A Session 15’

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:10 | Cybersecurity & Cybersafety for AI

“Hacking the Vertical: Cybersecurity Risks in Connected Elevators in the Age of AI”
Alwin Warringa/Tom Dantuma - Sopra Steria
“AI and Safety - Regulation and Standardization”
Frank Roussel – Schindler
Marjon Oosting - Q&A Session 15’

12:25 – 13:25 | Networking Lunch

13.25 – 13.45 | ELA AWARD (“Emil van Hoffen” ROVC Technische Opleidingen B.V.)

13:45 – 14:05 | Digital Twins & Simulation

“Digital twins for predictive maintenance and design optimization”
Luka Obuljen – Sweco

14:05 – 14:25 | Regulation, Ethics & Compliance

“How AI is changing the way industries understand regulation”
Constance Girard – SPAAK
Marjon Oosting - Q&A Session 15’

14:40 – 15:10 | Coffee Break

15.10 – 15:30 | Future & Innovation – AI and Smart Cities

“Market developments in Robotics”
Rahel de Vriend - Director of Research and Innovation Strategy at nlmtD

15:30 – 15:50 | Future Outlook

“Advancing energy technology for a sustainable future”
Ivan Maineri - Schneider Electric
Marjon Oosting - Q&A Session 15’

16:05 – 16:15 | Official Conference Close Wim Koster – ELA President