

PRESS RELEASE

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JEC Forum DACH

JEC Forum DACH comes back for a 4th year and celebrates the 100 years of the AVK

JEC Forum DACH organized in partnership with the AVK is dedicated to showcasing the composites ecosystem in the DACH region (Germany, Austria and Switzerland). This event is a unique opportunity to foster stronger connections with the local companies, research & development centers and applications sectors industries. Following three successful editions, in Frankfurt, Augsburg and Salzburg, it is in Stuttgart, on October 22nd and 23rd, that the local composites community is set to meet.

Its complete program combines customized business meetings, conferences and market perspectives, and a focus on innovation thanks to the prestigious AVK Awards and the JEC Startups' Innovation Session.

In addition to its rich historic and cultural heritage, the dynamic city of Stuttgart witnesses the convergence of innovation and technology which shapes the future of the industry. Birthplace of German automotive industry, this hub for advanced composite materials hosts world's top universities and research institutes and generates new synergies always pushing the limits of this exciting field.

Networking: Meet industry experts, innovators, and decision-makers

Based on the success of previous editions, JEC Forum DACH 2024 limits the participation to 500 attendees and will support the organization of business meetings between buyers and suppliers from DACH region, issued from the whole value chain of composites. Additionally, informal networking opportunities will be available during breaks, lunches, and an evening networking event.

To facilitate the organization and maximize business opportunities, all participants have access, prior to the event, to a digital platform that facilitates scheduling one-on-one meetings.

A diverse and large range of buyers and suppliers from the region has already registered.

Conferences and events

Both JEC and AVK strongly believe in power of knowledge and the importance of staying informed about the latest trends in the composites industry. Thus, they imagined a program featuring a captivating variety of conferences and events.

On top of the market trends and development which will notably be presented by the AVK's experts, this year's conferences will focus on sustainability in composites industry and mobility sector.

Conferences Program

Sustainability

October 22

10.00-11.00: Sustainable Solutions with Composites

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

- **“Challenges and Opportunities of Integrating Fossil-Free Materials in the Transportation Industry”**

Marc Delobelle, Head of Fossil-free Materials Purchasing, Volvo Group

- **“Sustainable bio-based materials for high performance applications”**

Lorenzo Mencattelli, Managing Director Tech & Ops, Helicoid Industries Inc./Ltd

Mobility

October 23

09.30-10.30: Composites Innovations in the Mobility Sector

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

- **“On the Right Track: Overcoming Challenges in Siemens Mobility’s Railway Composite Supply Chain”**

Viktor Brejcha, Composites specialist, R&D and engineering, Siemens Mobility, s.r.o.

- **“Advanced Thermoplastic Composites: A newly developed OEM component in series production for BEV”**

Udo Steinhauer, Director Business Development & Marketing, Profol GmbH

Market Developments

October 23

15.30-16.30

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

- **“Trends in the Composites Market – focus GFRP”**

Dr. Elmar Witten, Managing Director, AVK – Federation of Reinforced Plastics

- **“Trends in the Composites Market – focus CFRP”**

Michael Sauer, Market Report, CU – Composites United e. V.

2024: Celebrate innovative products

The AVK Innovation Awards

Recognizing outstanding contributions, the prestigious AVK Awards celebrate innovation by honoring composites industry visionaries and pioneers. 2024 will mark the 100th anniversary of the AVK association making it the oldest federation in the composites industry. Thus, this event will also mark a century of leadership and achievements.

Elmar Witten, Managing Director of AVK declared: “We are pleased to renew our collaboration with JEC for this 4th edition in Stuttgart and in the coming years. This business event is unique and gathers buyers and suppliers from the German, Austrian and Swiss markets together. The 2024 edition will be even more exciting as AVK will celebrate its 100th anniversary during the event! We are very proud of our achievements and all what we initiated to enhance the image of plastics on the market and in the public eye, and we will continue our hard work to be the best representants of entire value chain in the field of reinforced plastics interests vis-à-vis all institutions at both German and European level”.

JEC Startups' Innovation Session

The JEC Startups' Innovation Session highlights the dynamism of the composites industry by showcasing how startups break new grounds and push boundaries in terms of sustainable solutions for the sector. The proposed innovative solutions are transforming the way composites are utilized and the value they deliver and will positively impact the future of the industry. This year, five startups will pitch their project. They will also meet with the key actors of the industry by participating in business meetings or directly on their booth which comes with their selection.

The 5 startups participating are:

1. **Eve Reverse:** Turning emissions into products, by creating carbon-negative composites
2. **Infinici:** The First 100% Recycled Glass Fiber Product for Advanced Applications
3. **Uplift360:** Chemical technology to recycle advanced materials
4. **Spiral RTC:** Recyclability of thermoplastic composite production and end-of-life waste
5. **Verretex:** Decarbonized glass fiber textiles

Special Composites Tour!

The tour is divided into two parts and starts in the morning at Mercedes-Benz. From the *Factory Tour* to the discovery of their *interactive Plant Model*, and visiting its *high-quality products shop*, this tour is an exceptional immersion in the world of Mercedes-Benz.

This special event is limited to two groups of 25 people each (first come, first served) and is reserved for participants already registered for the Forum.

The second part of the tour in the afternoon, takes place at Startup Autobahn the premier innovation platform that connects leading tech companies with startups to drive the future of mobility. The Arena2036, within the Startup Autobahn ecosystem, is a state-of-the-art research campus that focuses on the car of the future, smart production, and groundbreaking materials.

This exclusive event is limited and operates on a first-come, first-served basis and reserved to the JEC Forum DACH participants

Save the date ...

<https://www.jec-dach.events/>

The list of suppliers can be found there: https://www.jec-dach.events/JFD24_suppliers-list.pdf

The list of buyers can be found there: https://www.jec-dach.events/JFD24_buyers-list.pdf

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About JEC Group

JEC Group is a non-profit organization entirely dedicated to promoting composite materials and fostering their applications globally.

Publisher of the JEC Composites Magazine, the industry's reference magazine, JEC organizes several events around the world, including JEC World, the leading international exhibition dedicated to composites and their applications, which takes place annually in Paris. JEC media, events and digital channels connect a global community of professionals from the composites industry and beyond, to enable knowledge transfer, create networking opportunities, and highlight innovation.

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About AVK

AVK – Federation of Reinforced Plastics is the German trade association for fiber-reinforced plastics/composites and represents the interests of producers and processors at national and European level. The range of services includes specialist working groups, seminars and conferences as well as the provision of market-relevant information. Nationally, the AVK is one of the four supporting associations of the GKV - Gesamtverband Kunststoffverarbeitende Industrie - and internationally a member of the European composites umbrella organization EuCIA - European Composites Industry Association. AVK is a founding member of Composites Germany.

Further information about AVK: www.avk-tv.de