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GrindingHub Preview 2026 offers a first taste of the world's leading trade fair for grinding and surface technologies

Strong international presence in Stuttgart, exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge technologies, and shining the spotlight on the debut of GrindingHub Americas 2027

Frankfurt am Main, March 5, 2026. – Gearing up for GrindingHub 2026: Two months before the start of the trade fair, the digital preview provided a compact insight into trends, innovations and the event's international focus. With over 430 exhibitors from 28 countries, the world-leading trade fair taking place from May 5 to 8 in Stuttgart is once again sending out a powerful message to the industry: Despite falling production and export figures, grinding technology remains highly innovative, and GrindingHub is positioning itself as the central platform for the industry.

Industry caught between decline and innovation

The economic conditions remain challenging, as recent statistics show. German production of grinding, honing, lapping and polishing machines reached EUR 626 million in the first three quarters of 2025 – down 15 percent from the same period of the previous year. The downturn was particularly pronounced in exports, which fell by 25 percent to EUR 456 million. In contrast, domestic sales developed positively, growing to a volume of EUR 170 million between January and September 2025 – a 33 percent increase. Incoming orders tapered off toward the end of 2025, with the annual balance closing with a 5% deficit. The domestic market in particular was significantly weaker,

whereas exports remained largely stable. “The numbers clearly show that the industry is navigating a challenging environment. Yet, we are also seeing strong innovation momentum across many companies. In times like these, the sector needs guidance, avenues for information sharing, and tangible business opportunities – which is exactly what GrindingHub delivers,” says Dr. Markus Heering, Executive Director of VDW and organizer of GrindingHub.

International participation continues at all-time high

More than 430 exhibitors – from start-ups to global giants – have confirmed their spots at GrindingHub. The preview was a chance for the companies to provide a sneak peek into their trade fair appearance.* Across three halls at Messe Stuttgart, exhibitors from Germany, China, Switzerland and Italy in particular will present their innovations from every stage of the valued chain – from grinding machines and abrasives, process peripherals and software solutions, to measuring and testing technology. “GrindingHub is so much more than just a product show. It is the international stage for grinding technology and a place where partnerships are forged, investments are prepared and future technologies are set in motion,” emphasizes Heering. The fact that Switzerland is one of the most strongly represented countries among the exhibitors highlights the importance of grinding technology for its industry at home. “Grinding machines make up around a fifth of Swiss machine tool exports. This underscores the critical role of such technology for our member companies,” says Christoph Blättler from Swissmem, the association for the Swiss technology industry. “The Grinding Pavilion Switzerland gives smaller companies in particular an efficient way to shine at the trade fair.”

GrindingHub celebrates its debut in the USA in 2027

In addition to discussing this year’s event in Germany, Sebastian Esswein, member of the Executive Board of Messe Stuttgart, also provided an outlook on the international expansion of GrindingHub during the preview. The very first GrindingHub Americas will be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, from May 18 to 20, 2027. “With next year’s GrindingHub Americas, we are setting up the first and only specialist trade fair in North America dedicated exclusively to grinding technology,” says Esswein. “The great thing about Cincinnati is its prime location at the heart of key production clusters, particularly for the automotive and aerospace industries – keeping us close to the market and allowing us to create a new platform tailored precisely to the needs of the industry.”

The digital release of the GrindingHub Preview 2026 will soon be available online under the following link: <https://www.grindinghub.de/en/news/newsroom/media-center/>.

About GrindingHub in Stuttgart

GrindingHub will take place in Stuttgart from May 5 to 8, 2026. It is held every two years by VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association) in partnership with Messe Stuttgart, with the backing of the industry sector Swiss Machine Tool Manufacturers of Swissmem (association of the Swiss machinery, electrical and metal industry). SurfaceTechnology Germany and MedtecLIVE will be held at Messe Stuttgart at the same time as GrindingHub in 2026. Only one ticket is needed for all three events, maximizing opportunities for networking with experts. The debut of GrindingHub Americas from May 18 to 20, 2027 in Cincinnati, Ohio, under the motto "Where Precision Meets Progress," highlights the trade fair's rising international significance and unlocks fresh avenues for collaboration within the grinding technology sector across American markets.

***Participating companies at the GrindingHub Preview 2026**

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