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GrindingHub 2026 is fully booked

A new forum and joint booths complement the trade show offerings

Frankfurt am Main, April 21, 2026 – Rising energy and material costs, volatile markets, geopolitical uncertainties, and ongoing pressure to innovate and improve efficiency are currently shaping the operating environment for grinding technology. This makes the event in Stuttgart all the more noteworthy: From May 5 to 8, some 460 exhibitors from 28 countries will showcase their highlights at GrindingHub. The trade show has established itself as a key platform for professional exchange and the presentation of practical solutions related to the grinding process. With three fully booked halls, the number of exhibitors has reached a level comparable to that of 2024 – sending a clear signal in an economically challenging environment. "The high level of exhibitor participation is a strong sign of support for GrindingHub. It shows that the industry is seeking dialog, driving solutions forward, and looking ahead. This should give the entire industry cause for optimism," says Dr. Markus Heering, Executive Manager of the organizer VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association).

Extensive supporting program with a new forum

With the completely revamped *Grinding Solution Forum*, GrindingHub 2026 is expanding its supporting program to include a series of sessions with a clear practical focus. The goal is to offer greater value to both visitors and exhibitors: The focus is on real-world industrial challenges, concrete solutions, and practical takeaways, following the challenge–solution–insight approach. The topics covered range from process stability and quality to automation, data, digitalization, and AI, as

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well as the cost-effectiveness and future prospects of grinding technology. In addition to concise practical sessions, the forum features interactive co-creation workshops in which exhibitors work with the audience to develop solutions and foster direct dialog. The speakers include Anca, Cemecon, FDPW, GMN, Hirt-Line, Dr. Kaiser, Meister Abrasives, Neuron Soundware, NPiTec, Rimon Technologies, Quaker Houghton, Vibrocut, Wirth, among others.

Dr. Markus Heering emphasizes: "We want to create a forum that is deliberately structured differently from traditional lecture programs – one that is more attuned to the challenges faced by users and offers real added value for everyone involved." The up-to-date program and further information are available online at www.grindinghub.de/en/forum-visitors.

Joint booths build bridges between industry and academia

The joint booths at GrindingHub 2026 offer particular added value by bringing together different perspectives on grinding technology in a targeted manner: The *Startup Hub*, the *Grinding Solution Park Industry and Science*, and the *Grinding Pavilion Switzerland* create compact platforms for exchange, guidance, and new ideas. Due to high demand, all joint booths have been fully booked for weeks.

While the *Grinding Solution Park Industry* focuses on practical industrial solutions, five research institutions within the *Grinding Solution Park Science* highlight current scientific developments and opportunities for technology transfer. Alongside seven other exhibitors at the *Grinding Solution Park Industry*, the *umati* (universal machine technology interface) connectivity initiative will showcase specific applications, using live exhibits to demonstrate how cross-vendor machine and production data communication works on the basis of OPC UA – for example, in standardized energy monitoring or the networking of machines and equipment.

At the *Startup Hub*, trade show visitors can get to know seven young companies from Germany, the Czech Republic, and Switzerland better. Under the motto "Meet the Founders. Innovation starts with

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Conversation", through dialog, you'll learn more about ideas, technologies, and new approaches to the grinding technology of tomorrow. "We see this as an excellent opportunity to showcase our technology to a highly specialized audience in the grinding industry and thereby demonstrate concrete solutions to existing challenges," says Dr. Oliver Georgi, CEO of the startup Vibrocut, describing the goal of participating in the trade show. German companies benefit not only from the trade show organizer's comprehensive support in planning and execution, but also from financial funding from the BMW's "Young Innovators" program. Visitors can find more details and background information at www.grindinghub.de/en/startuphub-visitors.

The concept is complemented by the *Grinding Pavilion Switzerland*, where five Swiss companies are exhibiting together to highlight the high level of innovation and international networking within the machine tool industry. For more information about the joint booths, please visit www.grindinghub.de/en/joint-stands-visitors.

With these thematically focused joint booths, fully booked exhibition halls, and the new, practical forum, GrindingHub 2026 reaffirms its position as the leading international platform for grinding technology.

About GrindingHub in Stuttgart

GrindingHub will take place in Stuttgart from May 5 to 8, 2026. The trade fair is staged every two years by the VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association) in cooperation with Messe Stuttgart and Swissem (Association of the Swiss Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Metal Industry) as the promotional supporter in the industrial sector of machine tools. At the same time as GrindingHub, SurfaceTechnology Germany and MedtecLIVE will be held on the Stuttgart trade fair grounds in 2026. One ticket grants admission to all events and expands the opportunities for professional exchange. With the premiere of GrindingHub Americas from May 18 to 20, 2027, in Cincinnati, Ohio, under the motto "Where precision meets progress", the trade fair is emphasizing its growing international significance and opening up new opportunities for exchange in grinding technology in the American markets.

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