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WindEnergy Hamburg: Where the future of wind energy is negotiated

From market trends and energy storage to the expansion of offshore wind farms, and through to global growth potential: WindEnergy Hamburg's six stages will bring together thought leaders from the worlds of business, science and politics. Around 300 international experts will discuss the key challenges and opportunities arising from the energy transition, making the world's leading wind industry fair the sector's foremost meeting place for knowledge transfer, innovation and networking.

Hamburg, 31 August 2026 – Just a few weeks left until the start of WindEnergy Hamburg, the global wind industry's top event. Around 43,000 participants from around the world are expected to attend the fair from 22 to 25 September, eager to experience the innovations showcased by over 1,600 exhibitors while using the four-day event to establish and renew profitable business ties. Hamburg's First Mayor, Dr Peter Tschentscher, will personally open WindEnergy Hamburg, highlighting the city's role as a wind industry hub.

The exhibition will feature a comprehensive and varied shoulder programme addressing all of the industry's key topics. "Together with our partners from the industry and the participating professional organisations, we are going to present a veritable fireworks display of on-stage panel discussions featuring leading experts," says **Andreas Arnheim**, Director WindEnergy Hamburg and WindEnergy Asia-Pacific powered by RECHARGE. Roughly 300 top-flight speakers will lecture, present and discuss on six open stages.

More power – the sustainable way

The "Market Trends and 2030 Outlook" block will kick off the programme on the **Energy Transition Stage** in Hall B6. **Tinne van der Straten**, CEO of **WindEurope**, and two analysts from her association will explore current trends. **WindEurope** will also be hosting the "Coexistence at Sea" series addressing the impact of offshore wind farms on marine ecosystems and human activities such as fisheries. The featured experts will include **Kristin Blasche**, Environment & Permitting Manager at the leading wind farm operator **Ørsted**, **Dujon Goncalves-Collins**, Principal Advisor at **RWE Offshore Wind**, and **Ecowende** Manager **Hermione van Zutphen**.

Dr. Dennis Rendschmidt, Managing Director of **VDMA Power Systems**, Europe's leading equipment engineering industry association, will moderate a panel discussion of industry leaders on the importance of wind energy for energy security in Europe.

Repowering, the replacement of older wind turbines by more advanced and powerful models to increase wind farm output, can give renewable energy a real boost. The question how best to harness the potential of this strategy will be examined jointly by **Alberto Clavarino**, Head of Business Development at the Italian electricity supplier **ERG**, **Laurie Gilbert**, Head of Repowering

at **Q Energy France**, and **Juan Virgilio Márquez López**, CEO of the Spanish wind energy association **AEE**.

Ways to make renewables more flexible, profitable and resilient will be the subject of a discussion panel on the **Energy Storage Stage** in Hall A2. Coinciding with the trade fair's new focus on energy storage, which is showcased in a hall of its own for the first time, the panel will delve into smart integration of storage technologies, especially battery arrays, in renewable energy projects.

Global growth potential

Equally inspiring insights into the offshore scene should result from the speeches and discussions on the **Offshore Stage** in Hall B5. The first session of the programme organised by the **World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO)** will investigate whether the offshore segment is about to experience another boom. The list of panellists includes **Ditlev Engel**, CEO of **DNV Energy Systems**, **Christine Healy**, President & CEO of the Canadian energy supplier **Northland Power**, and **Skyborn CEO Patrick Lammers**. The German offshore market will be the focus of a discussion between Holger Grubel, Vice President Portfolio Development Offshore at **EnBW**, **Iberdrola Germany CEO Felipe Montero** and others. From project planning and regulatory issues to efficiency improvements, the conference speakers will look into all the challenges facing the offshore segment. For example, questions surrounding the global supply chain will be tabled when **Stefan Thimm**, Managing Director of the Federal Association of Offshore Wind Energy (BWO), talks to the European heads of **Dajin Heavy Industries** and **Ming Yang**, **Jarosław Łasiński** and **Horatio Evers**.

The programme of the **Global Markets Theatre** in Hall B1 will be hosted by experts from the **Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)**. With Vice CEO **Rebecca Williams** among the moderators, the agenda will address topics such as grid expansion, future perspectives of offshore wind farms, or market potential in Asia, Africa and South America. Representatives of organisations like Iberdrola, the World Bank, the geo-data specialist **FUGRO**, the Chinese offshore equipment supplier **Dajin Heavy Industries** or the wind turbine manufacturer **Vestas** will be on the discussion panels.

Recruiting qualified personnel is a key prerequisite for the industry's continued growth. At the **Recruiting Forum** in Hall B3 on Thursday and Friday, human resources managers from companies such as wind farm developer **wpd** and Austria's biggest energy company **VERBUND** will highlight career opportunities at their organisations. Players like **Deutsche Windtechnik** hope to meet "highly motivated pupils and university students who are ready to get involved and embark on a professional career in renewable energy" at the forum, says **Mareen Athene Rohde**, Team Lead Recruiting & People Development.

The **Speakers' Corner** in Hall A3 will cover an especially wide range of topics. Representatives of companies from segments as diverse as equipment engineering and digitalisation will deliver keynote speeches on innovative products. "This compact format provides an opportunity to present solution concepts for highly specific challenges," says **Claus-Ulrich Selbach**, Vice President Exhibitions Maritime & Energy at Hamburg Messe und Congress. This underlines the ambition of the world's leading wind industry fair to encourage knowledge-sharing on a broad basis, he adds. For an even more personal exchange, the numerous well-established networking formats, such as the popular daily Wine o'clock gatherings on all stages, will provide a suitably relaxed ambience.

About WindEnergy Hamburg

From 22 to 25 September 2026, WindEnergy Hamburg, the world's leading wind industry fair, will once again be the pivotal networking hub for experts, companies and investors from around the world: At the exhibition complex of Hamburg Messe und Congress, right in the heart of the famous German port city, more than 1,600 companies from roughly 40 countries will present their innovations and solutions to 43,000 participants from around 100 different nations. Covering more than 83,000 m² of exhibition floor, equipment manufacturers and suppliers representing all stages of the onshore and offshore wind energy value chain will provide a comprehensive market overview. The new Energy Storage expo area, located in a hall of its own (A2) with roughly 3,600 square metres of floor space, will put the spotlight of the flagship fair on energy storage technology. The exhibition will be accompanied by freely accessible conference sessions where top-ranking experts will address the industry's key topics. Featuring more than 300 renowned speakers on six open stages, this free conference programme is organised by the WindEnergy Hamburg team jointly with its partners, including the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), the European industry organisation WindEurope, the national industry associations Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau (VDMA, Europe's largest engineering association) and Bundesverband WindEnergie (BWE), as well as leading industry media and enterprises. Highlighting its global relevance, WindEnergy Hamburg is pleased to announce a successful cooperation project: In May, the RECHARGE Wind Power Summit Asia-Pacific powered by WindEnergy Hamburg had its premiere in Singapore. A continuation of the format titled WindEnergy Asia-Pacific powered by RECHARGE is planned in Singapore from 25 to 27 May 2027.

WindEnergy Hamburg Connect

The smart event & networking platform [WindEnergy Hamburg Connect](#) provides digital features complementing the physical trade fair to let participants prepare and organise their presence and follow up with ease. The platform is available to exhibitors and visitors as both, a desktop and mobile app. It provides all key information from a single source to help ensure a seamless and successful trade fair experience. Registration for the app requires a valid trade fair ticket or exhibitor pass.

Opening hours and further information

WindEnergy Hamburg 2026 will open from 10:00am to 06:00pm Tuesday 22 September to Thursday 24 September, and from 10:00am to 04:00pm on Friday 25 September. It is accessible from the entrances at Messeplatz (Centre), St. Petersburger Straße (East), Karolinenstraße (South) und Lagerstraße (West). All visitors in possession of an online ticket will be able to travel to the flagship fair in an especially sustainable manner: Every visitor ticket purchased online includes a ticket to and from the fair on Hamburg's public transport system.

For more information as well as photos and press releases for downloading, please visit [Join the global on & offshore event - WindEnergy Hamburg](#) or the [LinkedIn](#) or [Instagram](#) channels.

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