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WindEnergy Hamburg: Sending a strong signal for global energy security

Massive expansion of wind energy is the key to climate protection and resilience: this is the leitmotif of WindEnergy Hamburg which begins today. The world's leading trade fair for the onshore and offshore wind energy sector brings together key players from business, politics and institutions to set the stage for dynamic growth in the industry. Only close collaboration at all levels can ensure global energy security.

Hamburg, 22 September 2026 – WindEnergy Hamburg, the flagship fair of the global wind energy industry, had its opening ceremony today. At a press conference featuring high-ranking speakers, and at the subsequent official opening conference, panellists addressed the industry's key topics, setting the agenda for the four-day event. **Hamburg's First Mayor, Dr Peter Tschentscher**, delivered a welcome address underlining the importance of the international flagship fair. In their keynote speech, the two CEOs of Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC), **Heiko M. Stutzinger** and **Uwe Fischer**, emphasised the outstanding role of the wind sector for a successful energy transition. By Friday, around 43,000 participants from 100 nations are expected to visit Hamburg's exhibition halls where over 1,600 exhibiting companies are showcasing their innovative products and services. Hamburg Messe und Congress Vice President Exhibitions Maritime & Energy, **Claus Ulrich Selbach**, said: "The energy crisis has worsened noticeably this year, developing an entirely new dynamic. The more important it is to take decisive steps now to curb its effects. Generating more energy from wind means reducing our dependence on imported fossil fuels while cutting CO₂ emissions. WindEnergy Hamburg brings the key players to the table, lending fresh impetus to the industry."

Independence, competitiveness, growth

Backing this notion, **Dr Dennis Rendschmid**, Managing Director at Europe's leading machinery and equipment engineering association VDMA Power Systems, said: "WindEnergy Hamburg is the world's foremost platform for the wind industry and a central meeting place for enterprises, policymakers and institutions along the entire value chain. At a time when the expansion of renewable energy must urgently pick up speed, this trade fair is a catalyst for the creation of a secure environment for investments, for innovation and international collaboration." The President of the German wind energy association BWE (Bundesverband WindEnergie), **Bärbel Heidebroek**, believes this expo is taking place at just the right time: "WindEnergy Hamburg is one of the world's key meeting places for the wind industry, bringing together companies, policymakers and experts from across the globe at a crucial time for the sector. As the German Wind Energy Association, we are committed to helping shape reliable conditions for further wind power expansion and to ensuring that wind energy remains a driving force of a secure, competitive and sustainable energy system. The fair is an important opportunity to exchange ideas, build partnerships and turn shared ambitions

into concrete progress.” **Tinne Van der Straeten**, CEO of WindEurope, agreed that politics must ramp up its support: “We come to Hamburg with a clear message: wind is delivering for Europe. We are on track to install 24 GW this year – enough to power 20 million homes and avoid fossil fuel imports from 64 LNG tankers. That is the kind of momentum Europe needs for both energy security and competitiveness. But it won’t sustain itself. Governments need to address grid bottlenecks, kick-start electrification and give us the coordinated auction volumes and 2040 target we need to keep investing,” said the former Belgian energy minister.

Asia and Europe as leading regions

“The transition to a clean, secure and affordable energy system begins with wind power,” explained Ben Backwell, CEO of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), pointing to the current global challenges facing the wind industry. “In these uncertain times, countries, businesses and households increasingly favour wind power as the most reliable, cost-competitive solution for securing economic growth and energy security.” Backwell added: “WindEnergy Hamburg is an astonishing showcase for dynamic growth and innovation across the global wind industry. GWEC once again proudly hosts the Global Markets Theatre, bringing together policymakers, CEOs and industry experts to share insights on the future of wind energy worldwide.”

Lee Chuan Teck, Chairman of Enterprise Singapore, contributed his expertise on collaboration between Asia-Pacific and Europe as growth regions. He mentioned the government agencies Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) and Singapore Tourism Board (STB) as key partners of WindEnergy Asia-Pacific powered by RECHARGE, scheduled to take place in Singapore from 25 to 27 May 2027. “This successful cooperation reflects the dynamic and importance of Asia’s wind energy market,” said **Claus Ulrich Selbach**. “We were right on target as Hamburg Messe und Congress to take this step.”

Global players with ambitious plans

The common goal of driving the energy transition globally at scale was the subject of a discussion between leaders from major global players of the wind industry during the opening conference, including Vestas, Siemens Gamesa, EDP, ENERTRAG, Iberdrola, Ørsted, Flender and Vattenfall. GWEC was prominently represented by Chairman **Michael Hannibal** (Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners) and Vice-Chairman **Girish Tanti** (Suzlon Group). The new Wind Europe Chairman **Rasmus Errboe** (Ørsted) and his predecessor **Henrik Andersen** (Vestas) took part, as well. The Joint Secretary of the Indian government’s Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, **Rajesh Kulhari**, and the Republic of Turkey’s Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, **Dr Zafer Demircan**, reported on their countries’ ambitious goals. **Beatriz Yordi**, Director for Energy Security and International Relations at the European Commission, contributed the European perspective. Concluding the conference, the Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate, **Stefan Rouenhoff**, delivered a statement highlighting Germany’s efforts to support the European wind sector. He then officially opened WindEnergy Hamburg 2026.

With its panel of high-level experts, this opening conference gave a foretaste of the comprehensive supporting programme accompanying the expo. More than 300 top-flight speakers will lecture, present and discuss on six open stages. The main focus, however, will be on personal contacts at the exhibition stands and other locations. “Knowledge transfer and information exchange are a big part of what WindEnergy Hamburg is all about. This is why we have prepared a large number of networking opportunities,” said **Andreas Arnheim**, Director WindEnergy Hamburg and

WindEnergy Asia-Pacific powered by RECHARGE. Participants can look forward to four expo days filled with inspiring information and activities.

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 explore 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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