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## VDMA European Summit - Engineering the Future

Bright ideas for innovation,  
digital transformation and attracting talents

17/18 March 2025

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## 17 March 2025

18.30 - 19.00 Registration

From 19.00 **Networking reception**  
**Welcome and fireside chat: VDMA - preparing for the future**  
Jacki Davis, Moderator  
Bertram Kawlath, VDMA President

## 18 March 2025

**Navigating geopolitical shifts:  
Exploring growth opportunities for European machinery manufacturers**

09.00 - 09.15 **Welcome and introductory remarks**  
Bertram Kawlath, VDMA President

09.15 - 09.30 **Keynote: Ukraine and the defense of Europe: Trends for security industry and military technology**  
Nico Lange, Senior Fellow, Munich Security Conference, Germany

09.30 - 09.40 **Digital transformation – The key to strengthen the European machinery and aerospace and defence industries**  
Achim Peltz, CEO Siemens Motion Control, Siemens AG, Germany

09.40 - 09.50 **Supplying the defense industry – Experiences of a small and medium-sized company**  
Dr Bogdan Dovggy, CEO, International Additive Manufacturing Group - IAMG Sp. z O.O, Poland

09.50 - 10.30 **Panel discussion: Geopolitical strategies and opportunities for European manufacturers**  
Dr Bogdan Dovggy, CEO, International Additive Manufacturing Group - IAMG Sp. z O.O, Poland  
Charlotte Finger, CEO, Maschinenfabrik Mönninghoff GmbH & Co. KG, Germany  
Nico Lange, Senior Fellow, Munich Security Conference, Germany  
Achim Peltz, CEO Siemens Motion Control, Siemens AG, Germany

10.30 - 10.45 **Fireside chat: Beyond China – Embracing India’s market for sustainable growth in the European machinery industry**  
Melissa Albeck, Member of the Executive Board, CERATIZIT S.A., Luxembourg  
Rajesh Nath, Managing Director, VDMA Representative Offices India

10.45 - 11.30 Coffee and networking break

**Innovation in machinery: Staying ahead with AI and emerging technologies**

11.30 - 11.50 **Dual dialogue: The potentials of AI for the machinery industry: From the initial idea to concrete results**  
Dr Gerhard Dimmler, CTO, Engel Austria GmbH, Austria  
Malcolm Werchota, Co-Founder & Principal Partner Werchota.ai, Austria

11.50 - 12.00 **Using AI to bring production of precision metal parts to the next level**  
Professor Dr Jan Post, University of Groningen and Director Strategic Partnerships at Philips Personal Care, the Netherlands

12.00 - 12.10 **Smarter bearings, Smarter decisions: How sensorised bearings fuel AI innovation**  
Linda Örtlund, Manager SKF AI Center of Excellence, SKF Group, Sweden

12.10 - 12.45 **Panel discussion: The use of AI in the manufacturing industry – challenges and opportunities**  
Dr Gerhard Dimmler, CTO, ENGEL AUSTRIA GmbH, Austria  
Linda Örtlund, Manager SKF AI Center of Excellence, SKF Group, Sweden  
Professor Dr Jan Post, University of Groningen, the Netherlands  
Malcolm Werchota, Co-Founder & Principal Partner, Werchota.ai, Austria

12.45 - 12.50 **Wrap-up of morning sessions**  
Jacki Davis, Moderator

12.50 - 14.15 Lunch and networking break

**Shortage of labour – How to attract talent for the manufacturing industry**

14.15 - 14.20 **Welcome back**  
Jacki Davis, Moderator

14.20 - 14.40 **Keynote: Bridging the talent gap – Understanding and overcoming labour shortages in European machinery**  
Professor Dr Holger Bonin, Director Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna, Austria

14.40 - 14.50 **Unlocking potential and attracting untapped talent**  
Renee Malone, Diversity & Inclusion Talent Sourcing Consultant, ASML B.V., the Netherlands

14.50 - 15.00 **Social media as a game-changer for SMEs: Driving customers, talent and growth**  
Dina Reit, CEO, SK Laser GmbH, Germany

15.00 - 15.10 **Attracting talent – Challenges of an innovative SME**  
Dr Theresa Spaan-Burke, Co-owner & Innovation Director, IBS Precision Engineering B.V., the Netherlands

15.10 - 15.55 **Panel discussion: Navigating labour shortages: National realities vs European opportunities**  
Professor Dr Holger Bonin, Director, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna, Austria  
Renee Malone, Diversity & Inclusion Talent Sourcing Consultant, ASML B.V., the Netherlands  
Dina Reit, CEO, SK Laser GmbH, Germany  
Dr Theresa Spaan-Burke, Co-owner & Innovation Director, IBS Precision Engineering B.V., the Netherlands  
Jakub Stanczak, CEO, Taskoprojekt S.A., Poland

15.55 - 16.00 **Wrap-up and closing speech**  
Bertram Kawlath, VDMA President

16.15 - 18.00 **Optional Amsterdam canal cruise**