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## **EuroBLECH 2016, International Sheet Metal Working Technology Exhibition:**

### **Investment in new technology is an important competitive factor**

**This year's 24<sup>th</sup> International Sheet Metal Working Technology Exhibition, from 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Hanover, Germany, is all about smart manufacturing. With increasing levels of digitalisation within the production process, EuroBLECH 2016 presents a wide choice of innovative solutions to improve cost efficiency, flexibility and process stability along the entire sheet metal working technology chain. The official online Show Preview has now been published and provides an overview of the comprehensive range of products and services on display at this year's show. A White Paper on Industry 4.0 and its impact on sheet metal working can now be ordered free of charge on the exhibition website [www.euroblech.com](http://www.euroblech.com).**

A total of 1,550 exhibitors from 40 countries have currently booked their stands at the worldwide leading exhibition for the sheet metal working industry. Compared to the previous event, EuroBLECH 2016 has grown by 3% in floor space and features more than 89,000 square metres net exhibition space this year.

"Many exhibiting companies have booked bigger stands this year and there are 20% of new exhibitors at our exhibition. This shows that the overall situation of the sheet metal working industry is very positive. Initiated by new technical developments, such as Industry 4.0, companies are now planning ahead in order to upgrade their production processes and to achieve a competitive advantage. At this year's EuroBLECH, there will be an above average percentage of new products live on display on bigger stands, and many new companies have joined the show. Thus, the industry sector is highly dynamic and open for a new generation of sheet metal working," explains Nicola Hamann, Managing Director of the organisers, Mack Brooks Exhibitions.

### **Show Preview now available at [www.euroblech.com](http://www.euroblech.com)**

The comprehensive Show Preview, with detailed information on many exhibitors and their products, is now available. In preparation of their visit, users will be able to sort exhibitor entries by product categories or halls in order to create a personalised version. For the first time, a new function allows for the entries to be shared via several social media channels.

## White Paper: Quo Vadis Industry 4.0

The new EuroBLECH White Paper was authored by Dipl.-Ing. Nikolaus Fecht and Dr. Andreas Thoss on behalf of EuroBLECH. It discusses the current state of digitalisation in the sheet metal working industry using recent examples: “Theory describes Industry 4.0 or the fourth industrial revolution as full integration of production and communication technologies. It creates a so-called ‘smart factory’, where people, machines and processes are well connected by internet technologies for the purpose of increased cost efficiency, higher process stability and greater flexibility. After all, it should save time and money. Industry 4.0 is much more than a hype, many of its ideas are implemented already. Solutions for separate processes are in widespread use [...]”

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## EuroBLECH Exhibition profile

EuroBLECH 2016 covers the entire sheet metal working technology chain: sheet metal, semi-finished and finished products, handling, separation, forming, flexible sheet metal working, joining, additive manufacturing, welding and surface treatment, processing of hybrid structures, tools, quality control, CAD/CAM/CIM systems and R&D. The show attracts sheet metal working specialists at every management level in small and medium-sized companies as well as in large enterprises. Visitors include design engineers, production managers, quality managers, buyers, manufacturers, technical directors and experts from associations and R&D.

## Visitor information

### Venue

EuroBLECH 2016 takes place at the Hanover Exhibition Grounds in Germany in halls 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 27. The show is accessible via entrances West 1, West 2, Nord 1, Ost 3 and Süd 1.

### Opening hours

The opening hours of the exhibition are from Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 9.00 to 18.00h and on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 9.00 to 15.00h.

### Advance ticket sale

Entrance tickets for EuroBLECH 2016 are now available at a discounted price via the online shop. Tickets can also be purchased on-site throughout the duration of the exhibition. A ticket in pre-sale via the online shop costs €30 instead of €38 on-site and a season ticket online costs €50 instead of €58 on-site.

Further extensive visitor information is available on the EuroBLECH website: [www.euroblech.com](http://www.euroblech.com).

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