

Advanced Plant Engineering for Battery Manufacturing & Recycling

Detroit Panel Session & Networking

Date: Tuesday, December 2nd 2025

Location: Miller Canfield ([150 W. Jefferson Ave., #2500 Detroit, MI 48226](#))

Time	Program
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Coffee and Networking
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Welcome Remarks & Introduction • Joseph Gustavus, Principal, Miller Canfield • Jan-Felix Kederer, Manager, Government Projects & Trade Missions, GACC Midwest Moderation: Joseph Gustavus, Principal, Miller Canfield
9:10 – 9:20 AM	Opening Keynote: Michigan’s Battery Ecosystem Eric Shreffler, Sr. Vice President Market Development, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
9:20 – 9:30 AM	Overview of Trends in Battery Manufacturing in Europe Benedikt Rothhagen, Project Manager Battery Production, VDMA
9:30 – 09:40 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches • Azo GmbH • Bosch Rexroth • Digatron Power Electronics GmbH
09:40 – 10:20 AM	Panel Session: Smart Factory Integration: Advancing Automation and Production Efficiency in Battery Manufacturing

	Panelists: • James Cruz, Business Development Manager, KUKA Robotics • Drew Coleman, Senior Director, MichAuto • Kyle Veugeler, Technical Account Manager - System Engineer – Batteries US, Siemens • Christoph Baum, Senior Expert Battery Production Equipment, Fraunhofer USA Moderation: Austin Hanohano, Director of Sales and Business Development, Digatron
10:20 – 10:35 AM	Coffee Break and Networking
10:35 – 10:55 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches • Dürr Systems AG • Exacom GmbH • FEV Consulting GmbH • Held Technologie GmbH • Herding Filtertechnik GmbH • Liebherr Gear Technology and Automation Systems
10:55 – 11:35 AM	Panel Session: Closing the Loop – Advanced Recycling and Circular Engineering in Battery Manufacturing Panelists: • Markus Volkening, Manager, FEV Consulting • Dr. Jasmin Jijina Sinkular, Founder & President, SELE Solutions • Simon Buderath, Managing Partner Strategy & Technology, P3 Moderation: Dr. Christopher Borroni-Bird, Founder, Afreecar LLC
11:35 – 11:55 AM	German Delegation Innovation Pitches • Manugy GmbH • Montratec GmbH • Purtec Engineering GmbH • Schaeffler Sondermaschinenbau AG & Co. KG • Venjakob Maschinenbau GmbH & Co. KG • Wittenstein Alpha GmbH

11:55 AM – 1:30 PM	Light Lunch, Networking & B2B meetings <i>Start of B2B-Meetings at 12:30 PM: If you have signed up for the B2B session to connect with German manufacturing companies in short one-on-one meetings, please check the B2B-schedule at the event.</i>
1:30 PM	End of the event