

Delegations & Programs - 2025 & 2026



Business Development Trip to the US

Rheinland-Pfalz Business Delegation

2026, Q1 (TBC) Chicago

Companies from Rheinland-Pfalz: Join our upcoming delegation trip to Chicago, open to all industries. Participants will benefit from exclusive networking events, company visits, and tailored B2B matchmaking with American partners.

US partners & multipliers: Meet / host our delegation in Chicago!



Multiplier Trip to Germany

Midwest meets Germany - Multiplier & Expert Delegation

2026 - TBC Germany

US multipliers & associations: join us on a five-day delegation trip to Germany! We invite representatives from Midwest industry associations, economic development organizations and research institutions to explore opportunities for transatlantic cooperation in manufacturing, smart industry, green technologies, and workforce development. Our program will take you to major economic centers in Germany, where you'll visit innovation hubs and exchange with top associations.

German partners & multipliers: Meet / host our delegation in Germany!



Delegation Trips to the US & Germany Transatlantic Innovation Network: Connecting Midwest & German Startup Ecosystems

2026-2028 Midwest & Germany

Get involved in our initiative to strengthen the startup ecosystems in Germany and the US Midwest through expert delegation trips to both target regions. With a focus on hard tech innovations in manufacturing & industry (2026), life sciences (2027), and food, beverage & water (2028), the program offers insights into leading technology centers, promotes exchange with investors, research institutions, and startup organizations, and creates a platform for sustainable transatlantic cooperation. Further information on the trip dates in 2026 will follow shortly.



Business Development Trip to the US Energy-Efficient Solutions for Thermal Processes

March 23-27, 2026 (TBC) Midwest

German companies: Join our Business Development Trip to the U.S. Midwest and explore emerging opportunities in energy-efficient solutions for thermal processes within energy-intensive industries. Gain valuable market insights into how innovation, decarbonization strategies, and industrial partnerships are transforming the American manufacturing landscape.

US partners and companies: Meet and/or host our German delegation in the Midwest!



US Market Entry Bootcamps

2026

March - Dresden
 March - Düsseldorf
 Sept. - Frankfurt

German businesses: The US Market Entry Bootcamp Seminar provides German companies with the necessary specialist knowledge for a successful market entry in the USA in a compact and short time. All days of the boot camp will feature interactive presentations from subject matter experts on a range of relevant topics, followed by 30-minute one-on-one consultations between the experts and participating companies. In addition, all participants will receive a comprehensive guide to creating a business plan for entering the US market.

Are you interested in joining one of our trips? Would you like to meet our delegates at one of our events or host a site visit for them at your organization?
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Trade Show in Germany **HANNOVER MESSE** **2026**

 April 20-24  Hanover, Germany

To all US businesses: Join us at the world's leading industrial trade fair - where innovation meets opportunity. Our tailored exhibitor experience at HANNOVER MESSE 2026 offers businesses a powerful platform to showcase their technologies, connect with global decision-makers, and explore cutting-edge advancements across industry sectors. Whether you're scaling up or expanding into new markets, this is where visibility turns into value. Let us help you make an impact on the international stage.



Northern Germany Trip to the US **Innovation and Structural Change: Advancing Energy, Manufacturing, and Logistics**

 May 3-8
2026  Detroit & Chicago

German companies: The Chambers of Commerce of Ostfriesland-Papenburg, Braunschweig, Elbe-Weser, and Lüneburg-Wolfsburg invite you to join our delegation trip to Detroit and Chicago. The program will focus on renewable energy, smart manufacturing, logistics, as well as the transformation and structural change within the automotive industry. In addition, we will explore the current business climate in the U.S. through visits and exchanges with German companies on site.

US partners and companies: Meet/ host our German delegation in IL/MI!



Business Development Trip to the US **Furniture Industry**



 May 11-15,
2026 (tbc)  Chicago & New York

German companies: Join our business development trip to Chicago and New York and discover key opportunities in the U.S. skilled trades and furniture sectors. Gain insights into how innovation, market demand, and cross-industry collaboration are shaping the future of the American market. Participate in targeted meetings, exclusive company visits, and high-level networking events with U.S. industry leaders to explore new partnerships and strategies for success.

US partners and companies: Meet / host our German delegation in IL/NY!





Bootcamp + Mini Trade Mission **Add-on to the "Automate" Show in Chicago / Combined with Market Entry Bootcamp**

 June 22-26,
2026 (TBC)  Chicago

German & American companies with automation and smart manufacturing solutions: Join us for a combined program featuring a Market Entry Bootcamp in Chicago, followed by an exclusive delegation program around the AUTOMATE tradeshow in Chicago's vibrant manufacturing and robotics ecosystem. The bootcamp provides key market insights and guidance for entering the US automation sector, followed by a US program featuring exclusive site visits, networking, and discussions around AUTOMATE.



Mini Trade Mission **Add-on to the "Automate" Show in Chicago 2026**

 June 25-26,
2026 (TBC)  Chicago

German & American companies with automation and smart manufacturing solutions: Join us for a program around the AUTOMATE tradeshow in Chicago's vibrant manufacturing and robotics ecosystem. The agenda includes exclusive site visits with industry leaders, as well as networking events and discussions with key stakeholders. This is a unique opportunity to strengthen transatlantic connections and explore future collaborations in one of the US's most dynamic technology hubs.

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Mini Trade Mission

Add-on to the “Battery Show” in Detroit 2026

 Oct 15-16,
2026 (TBC)  Detroit

German & American companies with battery solutions: Join us for a focused program around the Battery Show, in Michigan’s dynamic battery and automotive ecosystem. The agenda includes exclusive site visits with industry leaders, a networking event with key Michigan stakeholders, and a roundtable with German-American executives. This is a unique opportunity to strengthen transatlantic connections and explore future collaborations in one of the US’s top innovation hubs.



Delegation Trip to Germany **Next Level Apprenticeship -** **Cluster Exchange of** **Transatlantic Training Partners**

 Oct 2026  Germany

US educators, employers, and policy makers: Experience Germany's apprenticeship system firsthand as part of cross-sector U.S. delegations visiting companies, vocational schools, and chambers of commerce to learn how industry and education collaborate to develop skilled talent. Through intensive five-day study trips and structured virtual workshops, educators, employers, and policymakers gain practical strategies to build high-quality apprenticeship programs that address critical workforce shortages in their home communities.

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