



# Delegations & Programs - 2026



**Networking Event**  
**AI-Driven Climate-Resilient Supply Chains & Critical Operations**

 April 16  Chicago, IL

**US and German companies & organizations:** Join us at the SAP Labs Roadshow for an exclusive evening featuring high-value networking and a panel session. Bringing together leaders from U.S. and German companies and organizations, this event offers a unique space to connect, exchange ideas, and explore the future of innovation.



**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.



**Business Development Trip to the US**  
**Furniture Industry & Interior Design**

 May 11-15  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!



**Networking Event**  
**German American Business Forum (DAWT)**

 June 9  Mainz, Germany

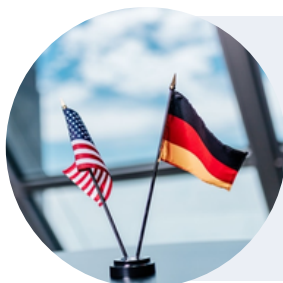
**German companies:** The German American Chambers of Commerce (AHK USA) invite you to the German American Business Forum (DAWT). This event will once again bring together leading executives, experts, and innovators from both sides of the Atlantic for a day of discussions, workshops, and networking focused on the future of transatlantic business. Whether you're exploring the U.S. market, building new partnerships, or strengthening your brand as a sponsor, DAWT 2026 offers the ideal platform to connect, exchange ideas, and gain fresh perspectives.



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

 June 22-26  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.



**US Market Entry Bootcamps**  
**2026**

 Juni - Chicago  
 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.

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## *Mini Trade Mission*

### Add-on to the “Automate” Show in Chicago 2026

 June 25-26

 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.



## *Delegation Trip to the US*

### Connecting Midwest & German Startup Ecosystems - Hardtech and Deeptech in Manufacturing & Industry

 July 12 -17  Michigan & Illinois

**German startup ecosystem players:** Join our expert delegation trip to the US Midwest, aimed at connecting and strengthening the startup ecosystems in both 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.



## *Multiplier Trip to Germany*

### Midwest Meets Germany - Multiplier & Expert Delegation

 July 19-23  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 Trip to Germany*

### Connecting Midwest & German Startup Ecosystems - Hardtech and Deeptech in Manufacturing & Industry



 Sept 6-11  Germany

**US startup ecosystem players:** Join our expert delegation trip to North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg, aimed at connecting and strengthening the startup ecosystems in both the US and Germany. 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.



## *Networking Event*

### German Night Reception at IMTS


 Sept 15  Chicago

**US and German companies & organizations:** The German Night Reception is a premier networking event celebrating German-American collaboration in manufacturing. Held during IMTS at Chicago’s McCormick Place, the reception attracts over 300 industry leaders, including executives, policymakers, and innovators shaping the future of transatlantic industry. Join us in 2026 at one of the most exclusive gatherings at IMTS.



## *Mini Delegation to Chicago*

### Sustainable Building Solutions

 Sept 22-24 (TBC)  Chicago

**German organizations in the sustainable building sector:** Join us for a curated mini-delegation in Chicago focusing on the latest innovations in sustainable construction and building decarbonization. The agenda includes participation in the Getting to Zero Tech Forum, as well as exclusive networking events and panel discussions with key stakeholders. This is a unique opportunity to connect German industry stakeholders with their U.S. counterparts to strengthen transatlantic connections and explore future collaborations in the Midwest’s green building ecosystem.

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## Delegation Trip to the US EV charging infrastructure, storage manufacturing, and production systems

 Q4 2026 (TBC)

 Michigan,  
Tennessee  
& Alabama

**German companies:** Join our Business Development Trip to the U.S. Midwest and explore emerging opportunities in EV charging infrastructure, solutions for storage manufacturing, and production systems. Gain valuable market insights into how electrification, innovation, and industrial partnerships are driving the transformation of the American mobility and manufacturing landscape.

**US partners and companies:** Meet and/or host our German delegation in Michigan, Tennessee & Alabama!



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

 Oct 5-9

 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.

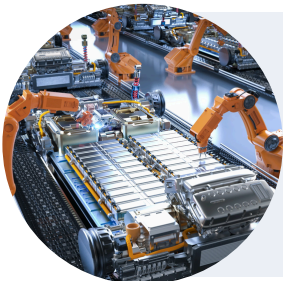


## Mini Trade Mission Add-on to “The Battery Show” in Detroit 2026


 Oct 15-16


 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 the US Plant Engineering Solutions for Battery Manufacturing and Recycling

 Nov 30 -  
Dec 4, 2026

 Kentucky,  
Tennessee

**German companies:** Meet U.S. experts in battery manufacturing and recycling plant engineering at events in key growth regions for advanced battery production. The program focuses on market opportunities for German engineering solutions, connecting U.S. stakeholders with proven technologies for production, automation, and recycling. Participants hold one-on-one business meetings, join expert conferences, network with partners, and gain market insights; supported by the BMW.

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?  
Are you interested in being included as a speaker or panelist for any of our topics? Would you like us to plan a delegation or event for your organization?

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