

## Press release

### IFAT Munich

## More solutions, more exchange, more insights: The event program sets new standards in 2024

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- Federal Minister Lemke visiting IFAT Munich
- How do municipalities achieve climate resilience? Action day seeks answers
- Star architect Daniel Libeskind on the future of construction

**IFAT Munich, taking place in the Munich exhibition halls from May 13 to 17, 2024, will feature top-class speakers, more international exhibitors, and a varied and exciting event program. At the world's leading trade fair for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management, visitors can expect innovative environmental technologies, flanked by panel discussions, expert lectures, and live demonstrations.**

### Steffi Lemke visiting IFAT Munich

“More than ever, IFAT Munich is seen as the central solution platform and knowledge hub for all aspects of the circular economy,” says Stefan Rummel, CEO of Messe München GmbH. “In addition to the many national and international experts, we also welcome many high-ranking politicians to IFAT Munich who are looking for an exchange with the industry.”

The world-leading trade fair will be opened by Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke and the Bavarian State Minister for the Environment and Consumer Protection, Torsten Glauber. On the agenda right on day two of the trade fair, on May 14, will be the top-level talk on the circular economy. A panel discussion on the Green Deal with EU leaders is planned for Wednesday, May 15.

### Day of resilient municipalities

Heavy rain and flooding, extreme heat and water shortage – the consequences of climate change cannot be ignored. That results in growing pressure on all social players, such as politicians, companies, and private individuals, to adapt to the changed conditions. Municipalities play a special role on the path to more climate resilience. IFAT Munich is devoting the “Day of Resilient Municipalities”,

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taking place on Thursday, May 16, to this key role. In collaboration with the German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water (DVGW), the German Association for Water Management (DWA), and the Association of Municipal Enterprises (VKU), lectures, expert panels, and guided tours providing valuable stimulus will be offered for all representatives of the municipal sector.

### **Star architect Daniel Libeskind on the future of construction**

The last day of the trade fair, Friday, May 17, will focus on the key question of how and under what conditions we will live in the future. What role have cities played so far, and what role will they play in the future? What makes cities worth living in, and how should we plan them to ensure that they are prepared for the social and climate challenges? The panel discussion “Future of Living – Adapting to the results of climate change” will offer valuable suggestions for these considerations. IFAT Munich has been able to attract two internationally sought-after guests for the panel discussion: star architect Daniel Libeskind, whose narrative design language is particularly influential in cultural institutions worldwide, and Ian Goldin, Professor of Globalization and Development at Oxford University, and founding director of the world-leading Oxford Martin School research group.

### **More than 25 solution tours will offer valuable stimulus**

In addition, IFAT Munich will offer visitors more than 25 guided solution tours, with visits to several stands that offer stimulus and concrete solutions for specific topics. Further information and an overview of all solution tours can now be found [here](#).

### **Event program included in the ticket price**

In addition to the varied supporting program, IFAT Munich 2024 will once again offer exciting live demonstrations, practical days, and the Truck in Action Show. A detailed overview is now available on the [IFAT website](#), and from mid-March in the IFAT app.

### **IFAT Munich**

IFAT Munich is the world's largest and leading environmental technology trade fair. Every two years, the world-leading trade show presents solutions for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management as well as strategies to make maximum use of resources and to close raw material cycles. The next IFAT Munich will be held at the exhibition center in Munich from May 13 to 17, 2024.

### **IFAT worldwide**

In addition to the world's leading trade fair, IFAT, Messe München has wide-ranging expertise in organizing other international environmental technology trade fairs. These include IE expo China in Shanghai, IE expo Chengdu in Chengdu, IE expo Guangzhou in Guangzhou, IE expo Shenzhen in Shenzhen, IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT India in Mumbai, IFAT Delhi in New Delhi, Singapore International Water Week (in cooperation with IFAT) in Singapore as well as IFAT Brasil in São Paulo from 2024 onward. Together, the ten IFAT events constitute the world's largest network for environmental technologies.

### **Messe München**

As one of the world's leading trade fair organizers, Messe München presents the world of tomorrow at its more than 80 international trade fairs. These include eleven of the world's leading trade fairs such as bauma, BAU, IFAT, electronica, and ISPO. Its portfolio comprises trade fairs for capital and consumer goods, as well as for new technologies. Together with its subsidiaries, it organizes trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, and the U.S. With a network of over 15 associated companies and almost 70 offices worldwide, Messe München is active in more than 130 countries. The more than 150 events held annually attract around 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors in Germany and abroad.