

Press Release

IFAT Munich 2024

42 soccer pitches, 150 trucks and machines and a host of political celebrities: the highlights of the trade fair week at a glance

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IFAT Munich 2024 starts in a week's time. The world's leading trade fair for environmental technology impresses with an inspiring event program, exciting innovations, and a high level of political attention:

- IFAT Munich will be opened on Monday, May 13 at 11 a.m. by Germany's Environment Minister **Steffi Lemke** and Bavaria's State Minister for the Environment and Consumer Protection **Thorsten Glauber**. The German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** will send his greetings via video message. The key topic is "Adapting to the consequences of climate change."
- This year, IFAT Munich will be presenting the **Spotlight Area Hydrogen** for the first time. It will serve as a contact point for questions on the topic of hydrogen in the circular economy. The platform will be opened on Monday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m. by Bavaria's Minister of Economic Affairs **Hubert Aiwanger**.
- On the Tuesday of the trade fair, May 14, Dr. **Franziska Brantner**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection, will discuss with leading representatives of industry associations in the top-level talk on the circular economy.

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- **Manfred Weber**, President of the European People's Party (EPP), will discuss the **European Green Deal** with, among others, Czech Environment Minister **Petr Hladik** on Wednesday, May 15.
- The “Future of Living – Adapting to the results of climate change” is the key topic for the discussion between internationally renowned star architect **Daniel Libeskind** and Oxford Professor **Ian Goldin** on the Friday of the fair.

A detailed overview of the event program, including all the speakers, topics and dates can be found at this [link](#).

Facts & figures about IFAT Munich 2024

IFAT Munich 2024 is impressive not only because of its line-up of representatives from politics and business, but also because of the many exhibitors and visitors from all over the world, enriching the trade fair with their topics. For environmental technology, the world-leading trade fair is both the central networking event and a knowledge hub. A few figures provide impressive proof of that:

- More than **3.100 exhibitors** are presenting themselves and their solutions at IFAT Munich, **55 percent** of them **from abroad**. That's a further boost to internationalization compared to the previous event in 2022.
- IFAT Munich occupies a total of **300,000 square meters of exhibition space** – the equivalent of around **42 soccer pitches**. Enough space, for example, for the Trucks in Action show, which is located in the outdoor area above Hall C6. This is where the municipal vehicle industry will have live presentations of capabilities and features from the road maintenance and cleaning, and disposal sectors. More than 150 **machines and trucks** will be presented, also with electric and hydrogen drives.
- There will also be a special focus on sustainability at the environmental technology trade fair. **Public transport** tickets will be included for the first time in the admission price. **60 percent of visitors** are expected to use

public transport. **200 buses** will be running over the entire duration of the trade fair. The subway also runs every five minutes.

- With more than **120,000 visitors expected from over 150 countries**, Munich's hotels, restaurants, and beer gardens will be very busy. IFAT Munich visitors can camp on the exhibition grounds. There are currently around **180 registrations** for that. More information on booking can be found [here](#).

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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

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