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## AVK | BOOK OUR MEETING ROOM

Are you looking for a meeting room in a central location in Frankfurt?
We would be delighted to offer you the opportunity to use our modern meeting room – which you will no doubt already be familiar with from our working group meetings – at our offices in Frankfurt am Main!

We charge a daily flat rate for use of the meeting room, which includes technical equipment and refreshments.
The cost is EUR 300 for up to 10 people and EUR 400 for 11–20 people.

**Do you have any questions?**
Please feel free to contact Katharina Wagner: katharina.wagner@avk-tv.de

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## AVK | OUR SEMINARS/EVENTS

As you know, the AVK regularly organises seminars, conferences and other events. Here is a brief overview of upcoming events:

**Composites for Series Production – Our short course on SMC/BMC**
22-23 September 2026 at BYK in Wesel
**Our „Digitalisation“ working group**, A joint working group organised by AVK and Composites United – this time focusing on RTM
06 October 2026 at Wolfangel in Ditzingen
**Konferenz „Flame Retardancy for Composite Applications”**
18.-19. November 2026 in Berlin

Are you interested in specific topics, or would you like to find out more about what we offer in general? Why not take a look at our calendar:

**AVK-EVENTS CALENDAR**

## AVK | ABOUT US

*What exactly does the AVK do?*

This is a frequently asked question, and we'd like to answer it with a new informational video. Our new promotional video has recently gone live. You can find it on our website.

## COOPERATION | FRP UNLIMITED

The 12th FRP Unlimited will take place in Munich on 16–17 February 2027. The event will focus on composite material solutions for applications involving contact with chemicals and other corrosive substances. It will bring together experts to discuss topics relating to regulation and standardisation, design and construction methods, material selection, sustainability and recycling, quality assurance, as well as innovation and improvements.

The conference will cover project experiences, practical insights and innovations from across the entire FRP industry.
The AVK is represented on the program committee by Dr Witten.
**Are you interested in presenting yourself and your solutions?**
The call for papers is open until 6 July 2026.

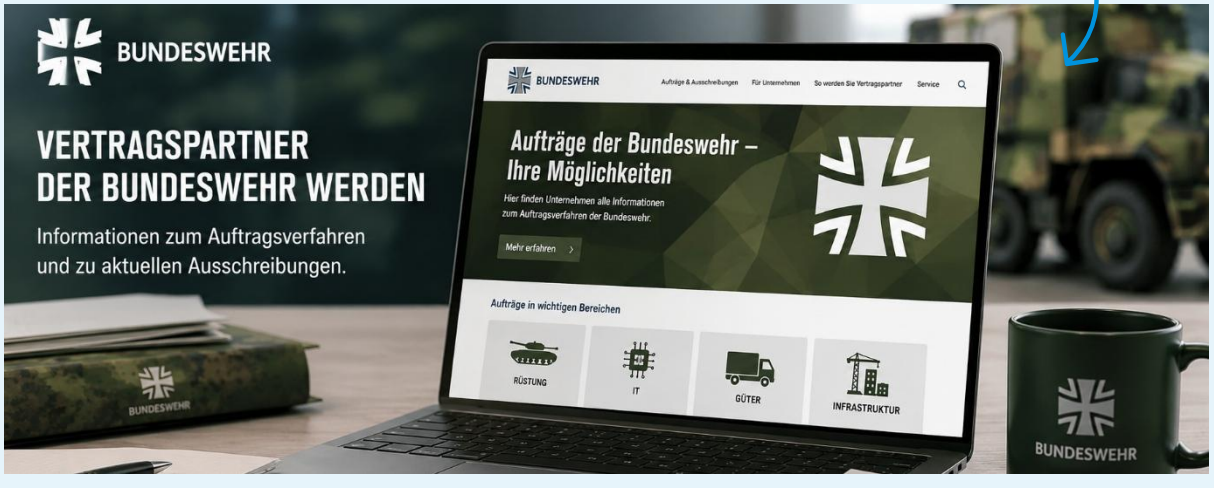
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

## COOPERATION | SYMPOSIUM PULTRUSION

On 16 and 17 June 2026, Fraunhofer IWU invites you to the symposium “Pultrusion – Shaping Lightweight Construction”. The event is a hub for innovation, lightweight construction and pultrusion. At the sixth event in this series, discover groundbreaking developments and join the institute in celebrating a decade of pultrusion at IWU. AVK is a partner of the event and will be featured in the program with a presentation. You can find the program and registration details here:

## INFORMATION PORTAL | PROCUREMENT BY THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES

How do you become a contractor for the Bundeswehr? Companies can find up-to-date information on the procurement process within the Bundeswehr on a newly launched website. Contracts are awarded in areas such as defence equipment, IT, goods and infrastructure. Click here to visit the platform:



## GKV | FACTSHEET MICROPLASTICS & LOSS OF PLASTIC PALLETS

The REACH restriction on synthetic polymer micro-particles (SPM) requires manufacturers, importers and industrial users of certain microplastics, such as plastic granules, flakes and powders used as feedstock for plastic production in industrial facilities, to submit annual reports to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) from 2026 onwards. In addition, the Plastic Granules Regulation introduces, amongst other things, risk assessment plans, declarations of conformity, certification requirements, requirements for high-quality packaging ('Good Quality Packaging') and pictogram specifications for all economic operators handling more than 5 tons of plastic granules per year. Both sets of regulations aim to significantly reduce microplastic emissions – including those caused by granule losses – throughout the entire plastics value chain. But what specific obligations will plastic processors face from 2026? The GKV has published a factsheet and a leaflet on this subject.

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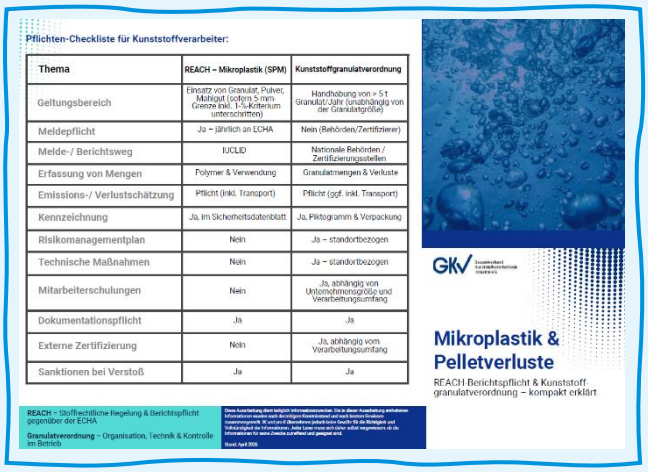
FACTSHEET (DE)




## GKV | INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICY PRICES

The GKV has stated that, as things currently stand, the new industrial electricity price for 2026 to 2028 will provide relief for certain energy-intensive companies in the plastics processing industry; however, the electricity price actually paid by these companies will generally remain well above 5 cents/kWh. For this reason, the GKV has produced a document intended to assist in countering any customer demands for price reductions.

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION** (DE)

## GKV | PRESS RELEASE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

Turnover in Germany's plastics processing industry fell by a further 1.8 per cent in 2025 compared with the previous year. The industry association GKV is calling on the German government and the European Commission to implement far-reaching economic reforms and cut red tape.

**PRESS RELEASE** (DE)

## EUCIA | NEWSLETTER

The AVK has been working closely and actively with the European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA) for many years and is an active member. The latest news and developments are regularly reported in the EuCIA newsletter. Click here for the newsletter:

## EUCIA | EUROPEAN CIRCULAR COMPOSITES ALLIANCE (ECCA)

Have you heard of the European Circular Composites Alliance (ECCA)? It is a sector organisation under the umbrella of EuCIA. The initiative was launched in collaboration with JEC to establish a circular economy for composites in Europe. Almost 220 companies have already joined the initiative.

Participation is free of charge. If you or your company would also like to actively support the sustainability of composites, find out more here:

HTTPS://EUCIA.EU/ECCA/

## AHK POLEN | MARKET RESEARCH TRIP TO POLEN AND UKRAINE

From 6 to 9 October 2026, the German-Polish Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Poland) will be organising a market exploration trip to Poland on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE). This project-based funding initiative, part of the market development programme, is specifically aimed at small and medium-sized German enterprises (SMEs).

The initiative is aimed at German SMEs that offer innovative lightweight construction materials and systems and wish to participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine, including in cooperation with Polish companies acting as strategic bridge-builders.

Further information can be found here:

**INFORMATION LETTER** (DE)
**PRESS RELASE** (DE)