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Final report

IFAT Munich 2022: a strong restart for climate protection

- High level of attendance at the world's largest trade fair for environmental technologies
- 2.984 exhibitors, around 119,000 visitors, half from abroad
- Key topic: using and reusing resources efficiently

Be it plastics, building materials or water: sustainable resource management solutions are essential for environmental and climate protection—and can be found at IFAT Munich. The World's Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management took place from May 30 to June 3, 2022. 2.984 exhibitors and around 119,000 visitors confirmed the fair as the most important platform for environmental technologies.

"A huge exhibition, concentrated knowledge transfer, networking—IFAT Munich 2022 served as pure inspiration and drives the sustainable transformation of industries and climate-resilient communities," says Stefan Rummel, Managing Director of Messe München. "Having attracted 2,984 exhibitors from 59 countries and around 119,000 visitors from 155 countries, the show has approached pre-coronavirus levels—reflecting the great potential of environmental technologies and confirming its position as the world's leading platform for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management." Dr. Johannes F. Kirchhoff, Chairman of the IFAT Munich Advisory Board adds: "The high international attendance at the trade show during this challenging time was impressive. It's great to see IFAT making such a strong restart, as it is a very important, sustainable driver for circular economy and the environmental industry."

From plastics to water: focus on closed cycles

The circular economy took up more space than ever at the trade show. At the

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opening, German Environment Minister Steffi Lemke emphasized: "A properly functioning circular economy saves primary resources, reduces dependencies and makes a significant contribution to protecting the climate and biodiversity. My policy aims to help strengthen the circular economy at all stages of its cycle and make environmental protection an appealing business model."

A total of four special areas were specifically dedicated to the circular economy, for example for plastics and building materials. For water, as well, the focus was on sustainable use and closed cycles, for example in industrial production—and in cities, which must use smart water management to prepare for extreme drought as well as heavy rainfall. The trade fair showcased the enabling technologies, the conference program featured more than 300 experts sharing their knowledge, and there were plenty of live demonstrations and guided solution tours.

The key figures of the trade fair

IFAT Munich covered a total of 260,000 square meters, occupying all 18 halls and a large part of Messe München's outdoor area. 2,984 exhibitors from 59 countries and regions (2018: 3,305/58) and around 119,000 visitors from 155 countries and regions (2018: 142,472/162) traveled to Munich. Half of the exhibitors and visitors came from abroad. In comparison with the previous event, especially the strong participation from China and Russia was missing. A Start-up Area gathered 49 start-ups from 16 nations. There were 15 international joint pavilions from Europe as well as Japan, Canada, South Korea and the U.S. High-ranking political representatives traveled to the event, including from Egypt, Belgium and Malaysia, as well as the environment ministers of Brazil and Singapore and many international delegations.

Valuable platform for the environmental industry

"IFAT has not lost its attractiveness for the circular economy branch and, in the future, will continue to uphold its importance as the world's leading trade fair for the sector," explains Max Köttgen, Member of the Management Board at REMONDIS. "I am very impressed with the size of the show, the number of visitors and the unparalleled expert platform, and I am delighted that we could

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have a number of relevant discussions with customers and partners," says Anja Eimer, Head of Water & Waste Water at Siemens. The trade show is an "excellent platform to present our products and solutions to the public" (Georg Huber, Chairman of the Board, HUBER), it is the "most important international fair to reflect industry trends based on our sustainable product and service innovations" (Ottmar Steinebrunner, Managing Director Sales & Service Europe and Americas, Bucher Municipal), and as the "world's leading trade fair for the municipal sector it provides an ideal platform to experience our versatile industry solutions" (Dr. Ralf Forcher, Head of Mercedes-Benz Special Trucks).

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High level of international attendance

About 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 solutions to make maximum use of resources and to close raw material cycles. The next IFAT Munich will be held at the trade fair center in Munich from May 13 to 17, 2024.

IFAT worldwide

Messe München not only demonstrates its considerable expertise in organizing environmental technology trade shows with the world's leading trade fair IFAT Munich. Other international events 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, and IFAT Delhi in New Delhi. Together, the eight IFAT events form the world's leading network for environmental technologies.

Messe München

Messe München is one of the leading exhibition organizers worldwide with more than 50 of its own trade shows for capital goods, consumer goods and new technologies. Every year, a total of over 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors take part in more than 200 events at the exhibition center in Munich, at the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München, the Conference Center Nord and the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München as well as abroad. Together with its subsidiary companies, Messe München organizes trade shows in China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Turkey. With a network of associated companies in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America as well as around 70 representations abroad for over 100 countries, Messe München has a global presence.