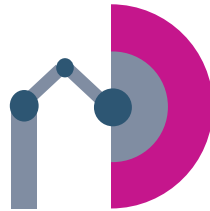
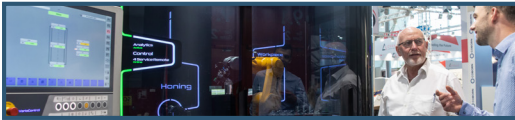


# GRINDING

## SOLUTIONFORUM

# 2026

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION



## 1. SCOPE

**1.1** The following Conditions of Participation shall apply to taking part in the GrindingHub Forum 2026 as part of the GrindingHub from May 5 to 8, 2026 (hereinafter **“the GrindingHub Forum”**) hosted by VDW – Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. [German Machine Tool Builders’ Association] (hereinafter **“the Organizer”**), Lyoner Straße 18, 60528 Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

**1.2** Alternative or supplementary conditions shall not apply unless their validity has been expressly endorsed in writing by the Organizer.

## 2. APPLICATION/REGISTRATION AND CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT

**2.1** Applications from exhibitors to participate in the GrindingHub Forum shall be made by submitting the designated application/registration form to the Organizer. Participants’ registration is binding. In submitting the application/registration form, participants declare their acceptance of these Conditions of Participation. The contract shall become effective when registration is confirmed by the Organizer.

**2.2** In addition, the Organizer also reserves the right to admit further participants separately and in deviation from Paragraph 2.1.

## 3. PARTICIPANTS

**3.1** In principle, those eligible to participate are companies registered as exhibitors at GrindingHub 2026 and whose line of business is the manufacture or sale of products or services within the thematic scope of GrindingHub, such as:

- Grinding machines
- Machining systems for cutting tools
- Machine parts and accessories, clamping technology, controllers
- Grinding tools, abrasives, and dressing technology
- Peripheral equipment and process technology
- Measuring and testing equipment
- Process peripherals
- Software
- Services
- Education, research, organizations

The Organizer further reserves the right in terms of Paragraph 2.2 to also admit other participants.

**3.2** The offer is not addressed to consumers. The Forum is addressed to trade professionals. There is no entitlement to admission.

## 4. ELECTRONIC DISPATCH

**4.1** Participants will receive documents addressed to them, e.g. information and organizational instructions, in the form of non-encrypted e-mails sent to the e-mail address they have submitted. The documents are deemed to have been delivered once the e-mail has entered participants' domain (e-mail account with their internet provider) and cognizance of them is to be expected under normal circumstances. Participants are responsible for checking their electronic inboxes regularly and for ensuring that e-mails from the Organizer can be received at all times. Participants must inform the Organizer immediately of any change of e-mail address.

## 5. GRINDINGHUB FORUM

**5.1** The "GrindingHub Forum" service offer is the sole form of participation covered by these Conditions. Exhibitors have the option of booking a time slot for a 20-minute spoken contribution to the GrindingHub Forum. The talks will be recorded and then posted online.

**5.2** The Organizer shall be responsible for the content and timing arrangements of the Forum, especially as regards duration, sequence, moderation, classification in thematic blocks, and final program planning. No entitlement exists to allocation of a particular time slot, a particular day of the trade fair, or a specific position within the program.

**5.3** In terms of content, the contributions should be oriented towards approved products, services, application examples, and questions of relevance for the industry. Extraneous subjects are not permissible. The Organizer must be informed in good time of the subject and of the proposed speakers or contributors prior to the beginning of the event. For organizational preparation purposes, the Organizer is entitled to forward the required contact data to the service providers involved, insofar as this is necessary for implementation. The required contract data processing agreements as called for in data protection law (Art. 28 GDPR) will be entered into with each service provider.

**5.4** Participants themselves bear responsibility for ensuring that the necessary organizational, staffing, and technical requirements are in place in good time for their Forum contribution. Participants must ensure that speakers and other contributors arrive punctually at the agreed time and that they are able to deliver their contribution in a suitably professional form. The Organizer must be informed immediately of any hindrance of a speaker or contributor; where possible, a suitable replacement should be appointed.

**5.5** Both parties jointly undertake to ensure a successful implementation and to employ suitable and appropriate measures in advance to make potentially interested parties aware of the GrindingHub Forum, thereby canvassing for an audience for the talk. This does not constitute an obligation either on exhibitors or on the Organizer to implement advertising measures at their own expense.

## 6. RECORDING, STORAGE, AND PUBLICATION

**6.1** The Organizer shall be entitled to record and store the spoken contributions at the GrindingHub Forum.

**6.2** Exhibitors grant the Organizer the right to publish the recorded videos on the Organizer's own websites and social media channels, such as the [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) video portal in particular. Exhibitors undertake to secure the consent of their speakers to such publication and to exempt the Organizer from any claims speakers may submit on grounds of such publication.

**6.3** Exhibitors and/or speakers are entitled to object in text form to the publication no later than five days before the start of the trade fair period. Moreover, exhibitors and/or speakers are entitled, stating their reasons, to object to continued use. In this event, the Organizer will request the portals concerned to delete the video for future use. The Organizer is not subject to any farther-reaching obligations.

## 7. PRICES, CONTRACTUAL PENALTY FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

**7.1** No participation fee is charged for attendance at the GrindingHub Forum.

**7.2** The Organizer may legitimately claim a fee amounting to € 549 from exhibitors whose registration has been officially approved, yet who fail to avail themselves of the services booked.

**7.3** Any costs arising for participants, especially for staff, travel, accommodation, presentation material, or other internal expenditure, shall be borne by the participants themselves.

## 8. FURTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT

**8.1** Participants pledge themselves to utilize the service offerings included in the GrindingHub Forum exclusively for the agreed contractual purposes and not to misuse them for other purposes.

**8.2** Participants pledge themselves to behave in a respectful manner and to strictly refrain from all and any insulting behavior and/or personal attacks. Exhibitors pledge themselves to ensure that their appointed speakers observe these conditions of participation.

**8.3** Participants further pledge themselves to refrain from in any way compromising the operability and reliability of the services on offer and from permitting unauthorized access to third parties.

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## 8. FURTHER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT

**8.4** All participants are responsible for the content(s) they upload, present, or deliver (e.g. product and process descriptions, images, copy, graphics, and talks) within the context of the GrindingHub Forum, including any web pages linked to (referred to collectively hereinafter as "Content").

**8.5** Participants shall guarantee that Content they have provided neither violates prevailing law nor infringes or is detrimental to the rights of third parties. They shall particularly ensure that Content they have uploaded or presented is not in any way of a culpable, illegal, or immoral character and is neither offensive, glorification of violence, racist, or otherwise discriminating.

**8.6** Participants exempt the Organizer from third party claims on the grounds of legal violations as set down in Paragraphs 8.4 and 8.5 and pledge themselves to reimburse the Organizer for all and any damages and expenses incurred in this respect unless the said Participant can prove that they bear no responsibility for the violation.

## 9. BAN AND EXCLUSION

**9.1** The Organizer retains the right to deactivate a participant's presentation and/or ban the participant from accessing the service offerings if the participant violates these Conditions of Participation or breaches legal provisions. In the case of exhibitors who are in default with the fulfilment of their obligations, the Organizer will only implement such deactivation or ban once prior requisition order has been made, unless an immediate deactivation or ban is justified under consideration of mutual interests.

**9.2** Immediate exclusion is permissible in cases of serious violations.

## 10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**10.1** Participants grant to the Organizer, for the purpose of preparing and implementing the event and the associated advertising measures (especially for use in magazines for designing the lecture program and for advertising the event on social media platforms and elsewhere), a temporary, non-exclusive right of use, especially for logos, brands, product images, product videos, and/or depictions in writing or graphics, without geographical constraints and free of charge.

## 11. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION, FORCE MAJEURE

**11.1** If the Organizer is prevented from implementing GrindingHub 2026 in full or in part owing to circumstances beyond their control, they are entitled to reschedule, shorten, or cancel the trade fair, including the GrindingHub Forum. This applies specifically, but not exclusively, when legal regulations, ordinances, decrees, or official directives prevent GrindingHub 2026 from taking place, insofar as this was not known by and could not have been known to the Organizer at the time the contract was concluded.

**11.2** In the event of rescheduling to another date, exhibitors are entitled to withdraw from the contract if they can prove that they are unable to participate on the new date, or consideration of all circumstances and of the justified interests of both parties leads to the conclusion that they may not be reasonably expected to participate. Such withdrawal, together with the reasons for it, must be communicated to the Organizer in text form immediately the new date has been announced.

## 12. LIABILITY

**12.1** Subject to the following regulations, the Organizer shall be liable only for intent, gross negligence and culpable violations of essential contractual obligations. Essential contractual obligations are those, the fulfilment of which is vital to achieving the contractual purpose, and on adherence to which participants routinely rely and may rely. In the event of ordinary negligence posing a violation to essential contractual obligations, liability is limited to contractually typical and foreseeable damages.

**12.2** This does not affect liability for culpable harm to body, health, or life.

## 13. DATA PROTECTION

**13.1** The parties undertake to comply with prevailing data protection regulations, especially those of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

**13.2** Otherwise, reference is made to the Organizer's data protection settings in their respective current form, retrievable at [www.grindinghub.de](http://www.grindinghub.de).

## 14. LEGAL VENUE AND APPLICABLE LAW

**14.1** The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply.

**14.2** The legal venue for all disputes arising from and in connection with the contract is the Organizer's head office. Participants are subject to this legal venue only. Alternatively, the Organizer also has the right to take legal action against participants at the latter's place of general jurisdiction.

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