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[13th FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering 2017](#)

**Industry 4.0: FMB to showcase solutions**

From theory to practice: Discussions on Industry 4.0 have been going on for a long time. Now, though, there are not only model factories and innovation labs at the research institutes but also specific and multifaceted implementations of the principle of “lot size of one – manufacturing as cost-effectively as goods manufactured in serial production”.

The 13th FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering, which will be held in Bad Salzuflen from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – thus in the heart of East Westphalia-Lippe (OWL), a hot spot for Industry 4.0 – will also be demonstrating this clearly in numerous ways.

The Leading-edge Cluster “Intelligente Technische Systeme – it’s OWL”, which has been putting Industry 4.0 projects into practice in association with medium-sized enterprises and research institutes over the past five years, will be showcasing examples taken from the latest project activities at a large stand in Hall 21.

In addition, many innovative enterprises based in the region and which play a leading role in the OWL cross-sectional projects, will be in attendance at the event in Bad Salzuflen with their own stands. Among these companies are Beckhoff, Harting, Phoenix Contact and Wago.

Of course, other companies based outside OWL, which have taken on a pioneering role in the implementation of new manufacturing and automation technologies, will also be represented at FMB. Some examples include Bihl & Wiedemann, Bosch Rexroth, Festo, Pilz and Siemens. And it is not only the “global players” which have gained experience in Industry 4.0 but also around 180 small and medium-sized mechanical engineering companies and their suppliers in East Westphalia-Lippe alone and as part of it’s OWL projects. Many of them will be exhibiting their products and services at FMB as well.

Visitors to FMB can also gain an insight into new business models compatible with Industry 4.0 from the numerous software vendors for product development as well as the relevant service providers. Exhibitors such as Altair, CADFEM, Congineer, Solidpro and Technopart are working on new solutions for product creation and design engineering methods which will affect product function.

All in all, visitors to the show will have multifaceted opportunities to become acquainted with ideas and examples from the Industry 4.0 environment. These include diverse concepts and new ways of man-machine interaction (e.g. data glasses; speech and gesture control), new ways of product creation (e.g. systems engineering), new infrastructures for data storage and evaluation (cloud computing, edge computing) and completely new business models (e.g. multi-vendor platforms for condition monitoring and maintenance).

The processes of change, which are grouped together under the term Industry 4.0, are extremely dynamic. It is thus all the more important for the decision-makers in industry to stay abreast of the latest developments and to engage in one-to-one discussions to acquire information and keep track of current trends. FMB – the supplier show for mechanical engineering offers the ideal opportunity to do so.

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