

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **World Pultrusion Conference 2024**

The 17th World-Pultrusion-Conference (WPC) took place in Hamburg from 29 February to 1 March. Pultrusion, also known as the extrusion process, is a highly efficient method for producing fibre-reinforced plastic profiles for various applications in the construction/infrastructure and transport sectors. A record number of almost 150 participants from all over the world attended the event. An international audience of experts from Europe and the USA, as well as China, India and Japan was represented.

The well-filled lecture programme with a total of 25 specialist lectures was strongly characterised by the topic of sustainability. The process development of thermoplastic pultrusion and applications in wind energy, solar panels, bridge construction and the automotive industry were also discussed at length. Despite the difficult market environment, many opportunities and possibilities for the pultrusion industry were presented.

The venue - the Elbkuppel of the Hotel Hafen Hamburg - provided a good atmosphere and opportunities for networking in a special setting. Stimulating discussions took place with a direct view of Hamburg harbour, and the successful event was rounded off with a gala dinner on the evening of the first day.

The conference takes place every two years in a European country of importance to the pultrusion industry and is organised by AVK for the European Pultrusion Technology Association (EPTA), in cooperation with the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA).

#### **About EPTA**

EPTA – “The European Pultrusion Technology Association” was created in 1989 by the leading FRC (Fiber Reinforced Composites) Pultruders in Europe and is open for membership to all companies and organizations, wishing to participate in promoting the responsible use of Composites/pultruded profiles and in the exchange of knowledge between members.

The mission is to support the growth of the composite profiles industry by maximizing external communication efforts and having an actively contributing membership. Since 2006, the association has existed under the umbrella of the AVK – Industrievereinigung Verstärkte Kunststoffe e.V., in Frankfurt, Germany. [www.pultruders.com](http://www.pultruders.com)

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