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| Successful start to Formnext 2022: growth, world premieres and  a huge variety of topics | Vineeta Manglani  Phone +49 (0) 711 61946 297  Vineeta.manglani@mesago.com  [formnext.com](https://www.mesago.de/en/formnext/home.htm) |

**A very high level of visitor interest, an abundance of world premieres and a variety of modern technologies, applications and materials: Formnext 2022 got off to an extremely successful start today, and will be presenting the elite of the additive manufacturing world in Frankfurt until 18 November. It also offers a supporting program full of highlights along the entire process chain. With more than 800 exhibitors and four hall levels, the eighth Formnext can clearly surpass last year's figures and for four days it is turning the trade fair city on the River Main into the worldwide center of innovative production solutions.**

The world's elite in additive manufacturing is fully represented in Frankfurt with leading international companies such as 3D Systems, Additive Industries, AddUp, Arburg, BigRep, Carbon, Desktop Metal, DMG Mori, DyeMansion, EOS, Farsoon, Formlabs, GE Additive, HP, KEYENCE, Markforged, Materialise, Renishaw, Ricoh, Siemens, Sisma, SLM Solutions, Stratasys, Trumpf, voxeljet, XJet und Zeiss. In addition, numerous well-known international corporations, including BASF, Covestro, Evonik, GKN Sinter Metals Components, Henkel, Höganäs, Linde, Mitsubishi Chemical, Nikon, Oerlikon, Sandvik, SMS Group, and many more will showcase their solutions for every stage of the entire process chain. The numerous world premieres and innovative developments include new AM technologies, new and improved AM systems, as well as new materials ranging from wood to ceramics, software solutions, service offerings and post-processing solutions.

With a very exciting supporting program, Formnext was also able to achieve an excellent visitor response on the first day of the trade show, which also impressed other exhibitors. Attendees will benefit from the significantly expanded AM4U area and a diverse mix of topics ranging from startups and investments, construction and architecture, to distributed manufacturing, our partner country France, and AM in education and careers. Innovative visionaries, recognized experts and leaders of international corporations will speak on all topics. The AM4U Area program will be rounded off with "Deep Thought, presented by ACAM, Formnext and VDMA AG AM" and a panel discussing the use of AM in ceramic applications.

**Special shows, symposiums and other events**

In addition, the supporting program of Formnext, which is more extensive than ever before, with numerous special shows, symposiums and other events, gives visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in different areas of additive manufacturing and in various application industries, and to discuss the latest developments. Using real applications, the BE-AM special show demonstrates the meteoric development of 3D printing in the construction industry. At the same time, the BE-AM Symposium (16 November) will discuss the background and future developments in this field. Anyone interested in additive applications in mechanical engineering will get their money's worth and gain valuable insights at the VDMA special show.

In addition, with the EEN Matchmaking Event, Formnext 2022 offers the opportunity of finding suitable business partners in a focused and efficient manner. The important topic of skilled workers and careers is not neglected either: On the Careers Day (17 November) visitors will be able to learn more about the wide range of possible careers in the AM industry and have job application photos taken by a professional photographer.

# Incidentally, the supporting program of Formnext 2022 kicked off with the renowned ASTM Standards Forum and the new "Wohlers Report LIVE at Formnext 2022" event, both of which had already been completed with great success one day before the official start of the trade show today.

"Visitors will find a host of world firsts and the Who's Who of additive manufacturing at Formnext 2022. In particular, this year's show demonstrates how intensively AM is now being used in the most demanding, industrial applications", according to Sascha F. Wenzler, Formnext Vice President, Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH. "Everyone, from AM professionals to beginners, should come to Frankfurt by Friday to benefit from this unique platform by gathering information, deepening knowledge and expanding their network."

All content from the AM4U stage as well as impressions, voices, and more will also be streamed live on Formnext.TV via YouTube. This enables not only Formnext visitors, but also digital viewers, to follow the experts and events live on screen and even put their questions to the speakers.

Further information and the ticket office is available at [www.formnext.com](http://www.formnext.com/).

**Background information on Formnext**

Formnext is the leading trade fair for Additive Manufacturing and the next generation of intelligent manufacturing solutions. It focuses on the efficient realization of parts and products, from their design to serial production. Formnext shows the future of innovative manufacturing. Formnext is organized by Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH. ([formnext.com](https://www.mesago.de/en/formnext/home.htm?ovs_tnid=0))

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