

CU Innovation Day

“The Service Life of Wind Turbine Blades: Inspection, Repairs & End of Life” of CU Working Group “Composites in Wind Energy”

On April 1. and 2., 2025 at Fraunhofer IWES – Bremerhaven, Germany

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Join us in Bremerhaven for a CU-Innovation Day organized by Composites United and hosted by the Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy Systems (IWES) in Bremerhaven. The task group Wind Energy of Composites United has invited several experts from industry and academia to discuss the service life of wind turbine blades, including presentations about inspection, repair and end of life treatment. The event will include opportunities for networking and a guided tour of the Fraunhofer IWES facilities. Join our 2-days event and enlarge your network with new exciting researchers and innovators! We look forward to welcoming you!

This event will be held in English.

Agenda	Day 1, April 1 st 2025
12:30	Registration, Warm-up with Coffee
13:00	Welcome Lutz Beyland, DLR / CU task group Wind Steffen Baitinger, Saertex / CU task group Wind Leif Ole Meyer, Olin / CU task group Wind Niels Ludwig / Fraunhofer IWES Sophie Nösler / Composites United e.V.
13:15	Welcome and Keynote lecture from Fraunhofer IWES Niels Ludwig, Fraunhofer IWES
13:45	Sustainable lightweight systems for aviation and wind energy Steffen Opitz, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)
14:15	Rotor blade inspection with ground-based thermography Michael Stamm, Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -Prüfung (BAM)
14:45	Coffee Break with Networking
15:15	Synergies between aviation and wind energy: Innovative composite technologies for sustainable structures Mark Opitz, Invent
15:45	Technological and commercial requirements and effects of different materials and processes for main spar caps and trailing edge spar caps for rotor blades Steffen Baitinger, Saertex
16:15	High strength bolted connections for rotor blades beyond 100 m Lutz Beyland, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt

16:45 **Closing Remarks Day 1**

18:30 **Dinner / Evening Event**

Agenda Day 2, April 2nd 2025

8:30 **Registration, Warm up with Coffee**

09:00 **Welcome Day 2**

Lutz Beyland, DLR / CU task group Wind
Steffen Baitinger, Saertex / CU task group Wind
Leif Ole Meyer, Olin / CU task group Wind
Niels Ludwig, Fraunhofer IWES

09:15 **Title t.b.d.**

Leif Ole Meyer, Olin

09:45 **Topic: Current sustainability efforts @tpi composites, Title t.b.d.**

Jendrik Meyer, tpi composites

10:15 **Wild Card Slot – Contact us to place your interesting topic!**

Send an email to sophie.noesler@composites-united.com to suggest your topic!

10:45 **Fraunhofer IWES Site Tour (approx. 1 hour)**

12:00 **Wrap up & Closing Remarks**

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12:30 Distribution of lunch bags
Optional networking

13:00 **End of Event**