



CU – Innovation Day

Interiors V2 – Challenges and solutions in the production of composite structures in interiors: looking beyond the aviation industry

On 02. - 03. September at the CFK Nord Research Center Stade

Address: Solar Hall

Ottenbecker Damm 12 21684 Stade, Germany

Moderation: Dr. Tassilo Witte & Dr. Bastian Brenken

Increasing production rates, new design concepts and higher demands from airlines and passengers pose major challenges for the cabin of the future, which the composites industry must meet with innovations in the areas of materials, manufacturing processes and systems engineering. From September 2nd-3rd, 2025, Composite United e.V. in cooperation with CTC GmbH invites you to the "CU Innovation Day Interiors V2".

The event aims to bring together experts from the aviation industry, material suppliers and component manufacturers as well as plant and automation technology to look at these challenges from different perspectives and discuss possible solutions along the entire process chain. Exciting contributions from related mobility sectors such as the rail and automotive industries will also provide a further perspective on how to deal with the respective challenges in other industries.

Join this CU-Innovation Day in Stade to get updated on the latest trends regarding modern interiors!

The event will be held in English.

Agenda	Day 1, 02.09.2025 – 10:30 am - 5:00 pm plus Evening Event
10:00	Registration; Welcome coffee with networking
10:30	Welcome and Update Composites United e. V. Marc Fette, CTC GmbH Dr. Tassilo Witte, CTC GmbH Dr. Bastian Brenken, Composites United e. V.
10:40	KEYNOTE: Customized production in a high-performance environment Dr. Tassilo Witte, <i>CTC GmbH</i>
11:10	Innovative Materials for Cabin Interiors Frank ten Napel, <i>Toray</i>
11:30	Automated Ply Placement, suitable for any material and high rate Markus Kremers, Airborne
11:50	Polar Opposites (?), an Industrial Design Perspective Benedikt Kircher, Airbus Design – Cabin Development
12:10	Lunch break and Networking
13:10	Welding technologies for joining multi-material components Kertsen Armin Wurm, Emerson / Branson

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13:30	Burning Questions Answered - Machine Learning Solutions for Fire Damage Prediction Dr. Alexandra Kühn, Center for Lightweight Production Technology, DLR
13:50	Thermoplastic Sandwich Moulding – lightweight sandwich interieur parts in one minute cycle time Dr. Ralf Schlimper, Fraunhofer IMWS
14:10	PEI honeycomb cores with wavy cell walls and coextruded sandwich cell walls Dr. Jochen Pflug, ThermHex Waben GmbH
14:30	Presses & Automation – how you elevate your production rate Alexander Wiesner, Langzauner GmbH
14:50	Coffee Break and Networking
15:35	Thermoforming of interior structures in the automotive industry Rupert Hune, Josef Weischer GmbH
15:55	Lighter, greener and more cost-efficient sandwich composite structures for commercial aircraft interiors
	Denis Holleyn, <i>Evonik</i>
16:15	Panel discussion – "Challenges and solutions in the high-rate production of fiber composite structures in aircraft cabins: Looking beyond the aviation industry" Ralf Schlimper, Fraunhofer IMWS; Benedikt Kircher, Airbus; Markus Kremers, Airborne; Christian Böhm, Diehl; Nils Stoll, Krüger Aviation, Christian-André Keun, SAMPE
	Topics: - Main innovation drivers and challenges for a high-rate production of composite structures for the cabin - Lessons learnt from other industries (e.g., Automotive) - Sustainability aspects
	Moderation: Dr. Tassilo Witte, CTC & Dr. Bastian Brenken, CU
17:00	End of Program Day 1
19:00	Evening Event: Insel Stade
22:00	End of Day 1
Agenda	Day 2, 03.09.2025 – 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
08:45	Welcome coffee with networking
09:00	Welcome Day 2 Marc Fette, CTC GmbH

Efficiency Meets Performance: Manufacturing of FRP parts to meet the highest FST and quality require-

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Dr. Tassilo Witte, CTC GmbH

Zero Waste Cabin Nils Stoll, Krüger Aviation

Dr. Bastian Brenken, Composites United e. V.

Thorsten Jobs, AVANCO Composites GmbH

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09:50	Sustainable floor panels for aircraft applications: The EcoFloor approach Adli Dimassi, FIBRE
10:10	Official End and Goodbye in plenum
10:15	Coffee & Networking Division into groups for tours Distribution of Lunch bags
10:30	Start of Facility Tours around Stade 1) Airbus Stade 2) ZAL Research Center – via personal transportation (cars)
13:30	Optional: Return to CFK Nord Research Center in Stade & Networking
14:00	End of Event