



Federal Ministry  
for Economic Affairs  
and Energy



LIGHTWEIGHTING  
INITIATIVE

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Lightweighting Summit

13 April 2021, 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m., virtual

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# Invitation

Dear Madam/Sir,

Climate change mitigation is the defining megatrend in society and government. Innovative, resource-efficient lightweighting solutions are required to reduce emissions and achieve our climate, sustainability and electric mobility goals.

Lightweighting means better material and energy efficiency. At the same time, bionic structures serve as natural blueprints for industrial lightweighting applications that are developed and manufactured in digitized and networked value chains. It is innovative and sustainable at the same time.

There is no question that German companies are well positioned in this distinctive cross-sectional technology. But we need specific networking structures to help us leverage the entire lightweighting potential across borders.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy is taking up this challenge with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lightweighting Summit and would like to take a next step with the support of Deutsche Messe AG. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lightweighting Summit will take place online on 13 April 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. with high-ranking European participation.

Topics to be covered at this top international meeting of government, business and research representatives include the importance of lightweighting, the competitive situation in the international comparison and improved European networking in the key enabling technology of lightweighting.

**Peter Altmaier**

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy

# Agenda

1:00 p.m. **Start dialing in**

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2:00 p.m. **Welcome**

**Dr Jochen Köckler,**

Chairman of the Board, Deutsche Messe AG

**Peter Altmaier,**

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy

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2:15 p.m. **Keynote I: Anna Hallberg,**

Minister for Foreign Trade and Nordic Affairs, Sweden

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**Keynote II: Leonore Gewessler,**

Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment,

Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

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**Keynote III: Mona Keijzer,**

State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy,

Netherlands (*to be confirmed*)

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**Keynote IV: Richard Johansson,**

Technical Leader Metallic Materials & Joining,

Volvo Cars, Sweden

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**Keynote V: Robert Machtlinger,**

Chief Executive Officer, Fischer Advanced Composite

Components AG, Austria

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**Keynote VI: Marcus Kremers,**

Chief Technology Officer, Airborne, Netherlands

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3:15 p.m. **Panel discussion:**  
**Jürgen Wesemann,**  
Manager Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technologies, Ford Research & Advanced Engineering Europe,  
Ford Research & Innovation Center Aachen

**Dr Axel Förderreuther,**  
Director Customer Solution Center Novelis Europe,  
Novelis Deutschland GmbH

**Ralph Hufschmied,**  
CEO, Hufschmied Zerspanungssysteme GmbH

**Dr Hans Bartosch,**  
Managing Director for research and development,  
Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH

**Gwenole Cozigou,**  
Director - Industrial Transformation and Advanced  
Value Chains, European Commission

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4:05 p.m. **Conclusion**  
**Stephan Peter Weil,**  
Minister President of Lower Saxony

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4:15 p.m. **End of the event**

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# Registration

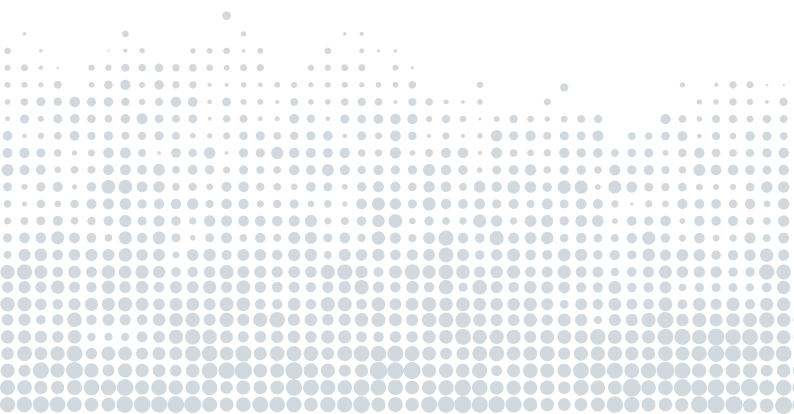
If you would like to participate in the virtual event on 13 April 2021 please register by 10 April 2021 at:

[www.innos-sperlich.de/en/lightweighting-summit](http://www.innos-sperlich.de/en/lightweighting-summit)

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