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| SMTconnect 2024: Complete range of innovative electronics manufacturing in focus | Vineeta ManglaniTel. +49 711 61946-297Vineeta.manglani@mesago.com[smtconnect.com­­](https://www.mesago.de/en/SMT/home.htm) |

**Innovative, compact, and efficient: The SMTconnect trade fair for microelectronics is renowned as the annual industry meeting point for experts wishing to network, exchange ideas and present products and services in electronics manufacturing under one roof for all those in the industry. The SMTconnect will again open its doors in Nuremberg from 11 – 13.06.2023 and will be forging even closer ties with the PCIM Europe.**

Since 1987, the SMTconnect stands out as a unique exhibition in Europe with a clear focus on the entire production process of microelectronic assemblies. With its comprehensive description of all elements required for the production process, the trade fair enables relevant decision-makers and industry experts to network directly at one place. Surface mounting is the special focus of the trade fair. However, the entire spectrum of materials, components, modules, printed circuit boards, assembly/ interconnection technologies through to coating and test systems will also be displayed across all processes.

**Concise knowledge platform of electronics manufacturing**

To withstand the rapid development in all areas of electronics manufacturing and to meet the information requirements of trade visitors, the SMTconnect has become a permanent fixture in the calendar of several thousands of experts from the field every year.

**The SMTconnect as "Connect trade fair" relevant to the industry**

Due to its compact format, the SMTconnect enables market companions and trade visitors from the areas of development, manufacturing, service, and application of microelectronics to enter into a close, inspiring and direct exchange. The aim is to jointly drive forward the future of electronics manufacturing in Europe during this specialized trade fair.

Andreas Keller, CEO, of SmartRep GmbH confirms this aspect of the event: "For us, the SMTconnect is our most important and a real "connecting" trade show: We meet our complete customer base here and have time for intensive exchange."

Christel Kiechle, CEO, of pb tec solutions GmbH, also agrees:

“We particularly appreciate the SMTconnect because of its unique atmosphere and manageable size. These factors mean that both customers and exhibitors often have more time and space for discussions than at many other, much larger trade shows.”

**The SMTconnect on the pulse of time: “Driving Manufacturing Forward”**

Increasing miniaturization and the trend towards solutions such as 3D-MID, advanced packaging, multi-chip modules, etc. are giving higher priority and demands on complex systems and the materials as well as processes used in electronics manufacturing. True to the motto "Driving Manufacturing Forward", the concept of the SMTconnect is evolving to keep its finger on the pulse.

The organizer Mesago Messe Frankfurt has decided to compress the exhibition space of the SMTconnect with the objective of highly emphasizing the concise knowledge platform of electronics manufacturing for business-relevant contacts.

"Due to the redesigned hall layout of the SMTconnect in Halls 4 and 4A, the focus is on the quality of the space. The compactness supports the exchange between the exhibiting companies and the trade fair visitors. Furthermore, the synergies of the two trade fairs, the SMTconnect and the PCIM Europe will be used to stimulate dialogue between both expert communities," explains Jeannette Meyer, Deputy Vice President, SMTconnect.

**”Perfect Fit“: The SMTconnect and the PCIM Europe**

Next year, the SMTconnect will forge even closer ties with the PCIM Europe, the leading international meeting place for power electronics. The networking of experts from microelectronics production and power electronics enables not only an intensive exchange of experience but also a comprehensive view of the complete production process.

**Benefiting from synergy effects**

Experts from both fields generate create potential for cross-industry, tailor-made solutions to individual requirements. They can further create solutions for all aspects of packaging and interconnection technologies up to progressive integration at chip and PCB level. This direct link between the SMTconnect and the PCIM Europe thus adds value for all participants - both for the trade audience and the exhibiting companies.

The SMTconnect stands for the comprehensive presentation of all elements required for the production process in system integration. The PCIM Europe also shows solutions for the special requirements of power electronics for circuit carriers, conductor cross-sections, temperature resistance and assembly and connection technology. This holistic orientation of both trade fairs has great advantages:

This includes being able to support not only the complex decision-making processes of developers, engineers and production planners in ordering materials and components up to the investment in machines and equipment. The parallelism of the two trade fairs also serves the growing demand from different application areas, such as in the automotive sector, consumer goods, industrial or battery technology as well as reliable energy supply or power generation from renewable energies.

Further highlights of the SMTconnect will be published in early 2024.

Additional information on the two trade fairs the SMTconnect and the PCIM Europe is available at [www.smtconnect.com](https://smt.mesago.com/nuremberg/en.html) and [www.pcim.com](https://pcim.mesago.com/nuernberg/en.html).

**About Mesago Messe Frankfurt**

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**Background information: Sustainable Messe Frankfurt**

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Sustainability is a central pillar of our corporate strategy. Here, we strike a healthy balance between ecological and economic interests, social responsibility and diversity.

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