

A TechnoBiz Executive Forum
on Rubber Science, Technology & Industry

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TechnoBiz is organizing the 5th Edition of Rubber Week 2026 in Vienna, Austria, from 9–12 June 2026 at Flemings Hotel Wien Stadthalle. This event is positioned as an important meeting point for the European rubber industry, addressing the latest developments in applied rubber science, technology, and industry. Designed for industry professionals, decision-makers, and researchers, Rubber Week 2026 will feature specialized conferences and focused training programs, offering practical insights, knowledge exchange, and opportunities for collaboration across the European rubber ecosystem.

EVENT SCHEDULE

9 June 2026 | Tuesday | 2pm–5pm

AI-Enhanced Rubber Compound Formulation Design & Development

TechnoBiz Training Program | Instructor - Dr. Hans-Joachim Graf

10 June 2026 | Wednesday | 9am–5pm

Rubber Recycling & Devulcanization 2026

TechnoBiz Conference on Rubber Recycling & Devulcanization

10 June 2026 | Wednesday | 9am–5pm

The Rubber Initiative® Workshop: Next-Generation Executive Leadership

Instructors : Michael Clayton & Dr. Matthew Thornton



11 June 2026 | Thursday | 9am–5pm

Sustainable Rubber Compounding 2026

TechnoBiz Conference on Sustainable & Bio-Based Materials and Rubber Compounding

11 June 2026 | Thursday | 9am–5pm

Rubber Leadership 2026

TechnoBiz Conference on Rubber Industry Leadership & Management

12 June 2026 | Friday | 9am–5pm

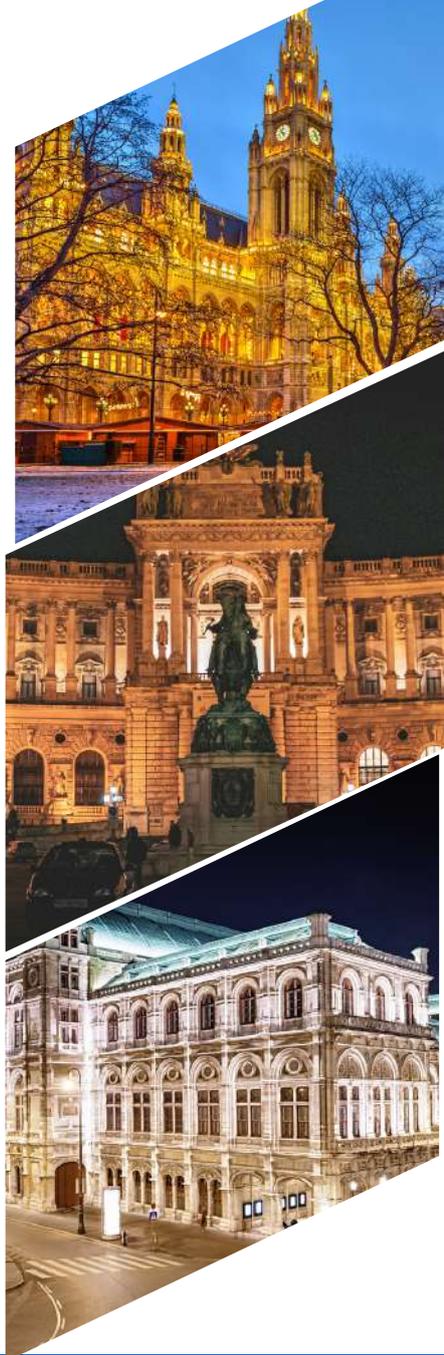
Smart Rubber Factory 2026

TechnoBiz Conference on Rubber Industry Automation. Digitalization & Smart Manufacturing

12 June 2026 | Friday | 9am–5pm

Advanced Rubber Extrusion

TechnoBiz Training Program | Instructor - Dr. Gerard Nijman



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TechnoBiz invites experts, researchers and industry professionals to submit speaker proposals for Rubber Week 2026, to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 9–12 June 2026. Proposals may include practical case studies, applied research, technology innovations, or leadership perspectives related to the rubber industry. Registration fees are waived for confirmed speakers, while travel and accommodation are the speaker's responsibility. Please submit the presentation title, brief summary, and speaker profile by 25 March 2026 to Dr. Hans-Joachim Graf (graf.hans-joachim@t-online.de) and Peram Prasada Rao (peram.technobiz@gmail.com).

CONFERENCE FOCUS

Rubber Recycling & Devulcanization 2026

- Mechanical, thermal, chemical, and hybrid devulcanization technologies
- Quality, consistency, and performance of devulcanized rubber materials
- Integration of recycled rubber into new rubber products and compounds
- Scale-up, commercialization, and economic viability of recycling processes
- Regulatory, sustainability, and certification aspects of recycled rubber
- Case studies on industrial implementation and successful business models

Sustainable Rubber Compounding 2026

- Sustainable and low-carbon rubber compounding strategies
- Bio-based and renewable raw materials for rubber compounds
- Green fillers, sustainable additives, and bio-based processing aids
- Low-VOC, low-PAH, and REACH-compliant rubber formulations
- Performance, durability, and aging challenges in sustainable compounds
- Energy-efficient mixing, processing, and sustainable manufacturing practices

Rubber Leadership 2026

- Leadership challenges and decision-making in a changing rubber industry
- Strategy, business models, and competitiveness in global and European markets
- Managing sustainability, regulations, and ESG expectations at leadership level
- People, talent development, and succession planning in rubber organizations
- Driving digital transformation and change management in traditional industries
- Case studies and leadership insights from successful rubber industry leaders

Smart Rubber Factory 2026

- Industry 4.0 and digital transformation in rubber manufacturing
- Automation and robotics in mixing, calendaring, molding, and curing
- Smart sensors, data acquisition, and real-time process monitoring
- AI, simulation, and digital twins for process and quality optimization
- Predictive maintenance, energy management, and productivity improvement
- Cybersecurity, workforce upskilling, and change management in smart factories



AI-Enhanced Rubber Compound Formulation Design & Development

- Role of AI and machine learning in modern rubber and material development
- Opportunities for AI-driven formulation design and process capability improvement
- GrafCompounder overview: compound databases, formulation management, and data models
- Data requirements and effective use of knowledge-based tools in AI modeling
- AI-supported formulation optimization: property prediction and generative formulation design
- Practical hands-on workflow: AI-augmented compounding, validation, pitfalls, & future outlook

The Rubber Initiative® Workshop: Next-Generation Executive Leadership

- Sustainability positioning and EU regulatory navigation for executives
- Bridging generational leadership gaps in rubber industry organisations
- Building innovation pipelines and managing R&D portfolio priorities
- Accelerating commercialisation and securing funding for innovation projects
- Converting strategic vision into operational execution and accountability frameworks
- Participants create personalised 90-day executive leadership action plans



Advanced Rubber Extrusion

- Principles of Rubber Extrusion
- Rubber Rheology and Process Engineering
- Process Layout of a Rubber Extruder
- Die Design and Flow Optimization
- Process Control and Line Setup
- Extrusion line layout
- Cooling or Vulcanization
- Booking & Finishing Operations
- Common Extrusion Defects and Root Cause Analysis
- Practical Case Studies & Troubleshooting Workshop

TRAINING SPEAKERS



Dr. Gerard Nijman
Senior Expert (Extrusion)
KraussMaffei Extrusion



Dr. Hans-Joachim Graf
Rubber Industry Consultant
HJG Consulting



Michael Clayton
Co-Founder, The Rubber Initiative®
Executive Chairman, IRCO



Dr. Matthew Thornton
Co-Founder, The Rubber Initiative®
Secretary General, IRCO

Delegate Registration Fee & Registration Form

- **AI-Enhanced Rubber Compound Formulation** | € 300 /Person
- **Rubber Recycling & Devulcanization 2026** | € 400 /Person
- **Next-Generation Executive Leadership - Workshop** | € 400 /Person
- **Sustainable Rubber Compounding 2026** | € 400 /Person
- **Rubber Leadership 2026** | € 400 /Person
- **Smart Rubber Factory 2026** | € 400 /Person
- **Advanced Rubber Extrusion** | € 400 /Person

Remarks: Registration Fee includes lunch and refreshments. Group discounts are available for minimum of 3 delegates for the same program. The above price is applicable for in-person participation. Please scan QR code for online participation fee structure.

Conference Registration



Training Registration



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Supporter : € 2000

- 1 Complimentary Entry Pass (4-Day)
- Brochure Display at Brochure Display Table
- Recognition as Supporter in Publicity Materials
- 15% Discount on Additional Passes

EVENT VENUE

Flemings Hotel Wien-Stadthalle

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