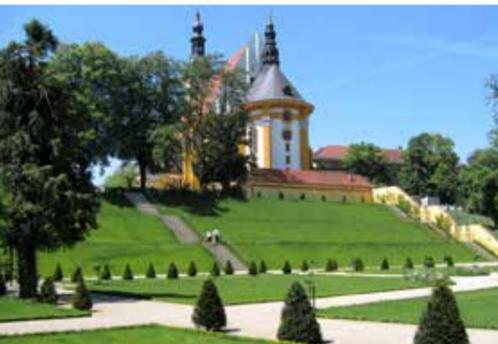


> Austrian monks to move back to Abbey at Neuzelle



The abbey church in Neuzelle is the most important consecrated building in the Niederlausitz area and, along with the two Baroque churches and the late Gothic cloisters and restored abbey gardens, it is one of the few fully preserved abbey sites in Europe.

Monks recently moved back into the Abbey in Neuzelle near Eisenhüttenstadt just in time for its 750th anniversary – following an absence of 200 years. The Cistercians from the Abbey of the Holy Cross (Stift Heiligenkreuz) in Austria are symbolic of a new beginning there. According to Holy Cross member Maximilian Heim, they opted for Neuzelle in spite of invitations from various other locations because of the conspicuousness at the site and the almost 750-year old Cistercian architecture & their cultivation of the country. The abbey was originally founded in 1268. www.neustart.zisterzienserkloster-neuzelle.de

> Short film wins US prize



This year's prize for the best animated film at the world famous "Sundance Film Festival" in the USA has been won by the two "cultural engineers" Alexander Lahl and Volker Schlecht from Frankfurt (Oder). The film is based on interviews with two women who were incarcerated in the "Burg Hoheneck" women's prison in the former GDR. The film is exclusively available for viewing on the New York Times website. <http://diekulturingenieure.de>



FRANKFURT (ODER) IS INVESTING 10 MILLION EUROS IN ITS FIBRE-OPTIC CABLE NETWORKS TO ENABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR INDUSTRY, BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE HOMES. (P.3)



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> Plastic products "Made in Frankfurt (Oder)"



Taking shape: Building work on the new factory for Wefo-tec Deutschland GmbH in the Markendorf Business Park in Frankfurt (Oder) is progressing according to schedule. Construction of the first production hall should be completed by the end of the year. As soon as this is ready, construction of the second factory hall is due to commence while, at the same time, preparations are already underway for the start of production operations.

The first WEFO-tec production hall in Frankfurt (Oder) covers an area of around 3,900 m² and includes space for offices, sales, administration and maintenance. The company plan is for its new site to cover the entire value-added chain for the production of injection-moulded parts for industry, including development, design, tool construction, parts production, procurement of raw materials and purchased parts as well as assembly construction. "At our site in Frankfurt (Oder) we will be erecting a fully-fledged production site for plastic parts and assemblies. Here, the focus will be on sustainability, energy and eco-production across the

entire workflow and with the overall design of the production site," explained Manfred Boguslawski, Managing Director of WEFO-tec. An investment of 25 million euros is planned in total, which will lead to the creation of 50 new jobs. The investment project will take place in various stages however, with construction of the second production hall already in the planning and preparation stage. To this end, the company has already purchased further spaces at the Markendorf Business Park in Frankfurt (Oder). WEFO-tec has been active in the development, trading and selling of plastic finished products since 1996. www.wefo-tec.de

> University think tank



A meeting, learning and start-up centre for students is due to be built on an area of 1,400 m². Prof. Stephan Kudert (right), Janine Nuyken and President Prof. Alexander Wöll (left) explain the concept to Dietmar Woidke, Minister President of Brandenburg.

The state of Brandenburg will be investing eight million euros in a project to establish a new co-working space at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder). Founders' Rooms are intended to help the more than 6,500 students from all over the world to come together in project teams in future to encourage the start-up of new companies. The university is one of the best universities in the state of Brandenburg in the field of start-ups. This year it took again first place in the university education "Think Tank" of the Businessplan competition Berlin-Brandenburg. www.europa-uni.de



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> Yamaichi to build new factory



The company, having its roots in Japan, has already been producing at the Technology and Business Centre in Frankfurt (Oder) for ten years now. It commenced operations in 2006 with 5 staff members and was initially a production site for special cable products. As well as the German production site in Frankfurt (Oder), Yamaichi also owns production facilities in Japan, the Philippines and in Korea.

The company Yamaichi Electronics Deutschland Manufacturing GmbH is planning to construct a new factory in Frankfurt (Oder). The new 6,000m² factory is to be erected on a greenfield surface area of 3 ha. "Commencing operations in the middle of 2019 is a realistic goal. The city is proving extremely cooperative," explains Helge Puhlman, European President of Yamaichi Electronics. The new building will also accommodate an in-house training centre where the new apprentices

of the company will be prepared for the requirements of high-end technologies of the future. Yamaichi's main products are, among others, burn-in sockets and test contactors for semiconductor industry, with its customers including all the leading manufacturers of semiconductors across Europe. The product range also includes excellent high speed connectors, cables and cable assemblies for various markets such as industrial and medical technology. www.yamaichi.de

> IHP is "Research Fab Microelectronics Germany"



Eleven institutes of the Fraunhofer Association for Microelectronics together with two institutes from the Leibniz Association have developed a concept for a cross-facility research centre for micro- and nanoelectronics. The German Ministry for Education and Research will be supporting investments necessary for this project to the tune of 280 million euros for Fraunhofer and 70 million euros for Leibniz.

Even at its outset, this collaboration constitutes already the world's largest pool of technology and intellectual property rights in the area of smart systems. This new form of co-operation as part of a communal, cross-facility technology pool, which is known as the "Research Fab Microelectronics Germany", is designed to improve the competitiveness of the semiconductor and electronics industries in Europe. As part of the project, more than 3,000 scientific staff, along with the equipment required for technological research and development, have been reorganised under a single virtual roof, which in the medium-

term will create a further 500 jobs. The institutes' existing locations will be retained, while expansion and operation will be coordinated and organized in a shared business office. The goal is to be able to offer customers from large-scale industry, small and medium-sized companies as well as from universities the entire value added chain of microelectronics and nanoelectronics from a single straightforward source. For this, the IHP will make use of its knowledge in the area of complex silicon-based high-frequency and photonic technologies. www.ihp-microelectronics.com

> Hot dumplings



Around 80 percent of today's business of Feinschmecker Hefekloß GmbH comes from dumplings. It's origin can be traced back to an culinary adventurous employee in the 1960s.

The company dates back to 1925, when the company "Ostmärkische Obst- und Gemüseverwertungs AG" was founded in Frankfurt (Oder). Back then, regional fruit and vegetables were processed into tins, followed by complete meals in glass jars later on. Today, the company manufactures anything that can be produced from yeast or potatoes and delivers its products to nationwide retailers, wholesalers and supermarkets chains. www.oderfrucht-tiefkuehlkost.de

> Terminal booming



After a new best value ever was attained in 2016 with a handling turnover of 70,000 TEU, this figure was already surpassed by August 2017 this years.

The Intermodal Terminal for combined traffic (road/rail) in Frankfurt (Oder), with its new gantry crane and additional handling tracks, is becoming increasingly important as a hub for seaport hinterland traffic. Due to, among other things, new transport routes via the land bridge over rail from China to Western Europe – as an alternative to the sea route – handling operations have increased to a new all-time high. In line with these developments, preparations are already underway for the development of a 7 ha logistics centre next to the terminal. www.kv-terminal.de

> Spedition Bender constructing new logistics centre



The freight-forwarding company opened its first branch in Eisenhüttenstadt in 1991 on the grounds of the steel manufacturer ArcelorMittal in Eisenhüttenstadt. These days Spedition Bender offers the full value-added chain for the area of heavy goods logistics. The company currently employs 15 staff members at its Eisenhüttenstadt branch.

"Our customers are keen for us to continue our growth in Eisenhüttenstadt," explains the executive board of the company, whose headquarters is in Freudenberg-Büschergrund in Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia. For this growth to be a success at its site in Eisenhüttenstadt, Spedition Bender is currently building a new logistics centre on around 5,000m² of handling space with its own track connection where operations are due to commence in 2018. With this area

expansion, the company hopes to benefit from opening up new market segments and diversifying its product range. According to the management, the company has already had several enquiries e.g. from the Wind Energy Industry. Spedition Bender is specialized in international freight transportation as well as heavy goods logistics and offers its customers additional services such as labeling or quality control. www.spedition-bender.com

> Connectivity for a gigabit society



Frankfurt business consultant Mario Quast, Lord Mayor Dr. Martin Wilke, Project Manager for "Digital Infrastructure" Jörg Friedemann and the member of German parliament Martin Patzelt (left to right) received notification of funding from Enak Ferlemann (centre), Parliamentary Secretary of State in the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

The City of Frankfurt (Oder) will be upgrading its communication infrastructure with a more than 10 million euros investment in the cities broadband network. 4.4 million euros of the investment will come from a German federal government programme for broadband, which is available for expansion of networks independent of the technology type. The State of Brandenburg will also be providing a further 4.4 million euros. The high percentage of fibre-optic points planned for industrial estates, schools and other institutions in

the city was praised during the approval. Many private households will also profit from these investments however. The application is based on the results of a requirements analysis in Frankfurt (Oder). "As well as supplying our city better in the future by installing fibre-optics, our goal is to create a solid basis for the European twin-city of Frankfurt (Oder)/Słubice to continue their grow together. We are planning to see visible results quickly – in the interest of our citizens and local businesses," explained Lord Mayor Dr. Martin Wilke. www.frankfurt-oder.de

> Greater efficiency



Annual capacity at Astronergy in Frankfurt (Oder) is currently running at 300 MW. A manual inspection at the end of the production line ensures maximum quality for customers.

The solar panel manufacturer Astronergy is upgrading its production at its plant in Frankfurt (Oder) to the new 5-busbar technology. With its new "PENTA" models, Astronergy is responding to developments in this premium market segment. By means of additional contacts on the front of the cells, the power of the panels will be increased compared to the former 4-busbar models and will be even more reliable. www.astronergy.com

> AMEH continues to invest



ArcelorMittal's goal is to continue to increase its production of flat bar steel, thereby optimising production for high and higher-tensile steels for the automotive industry.

ArcelorMittal, the world's largest manufacturer of steel, is set to continue its programme of investment in its raw iron and steelworks in Eisenhüttenstadt. During the course of the year, 25 million euros will be invested in the development of its production site. In the medium term, the site will be developed as a company's entre of excellence. Last year already, ArcelorMittal invested around 45 million euros in Eisenhüttenstadt. The 5A furnace was thus given a general overhaul for 35 mln euros. By 2020 the annual capacity for flat bar steel is to be increased from 1.7 at present to 1.8 mln tons. www.arcelormittal-ehst.com