



About PMRExpo

PMRExpo is the leading European trade fair for professional mobile radio and control centres. Koelnmesse has been its home since 2009. This location, which has good national and international transport links, is where the PMR community renews its contacts every November. The trade fair and its accompanying three-day programme of presentations is continually developing. The same applies to its intersectoral subjects, the range of exhibitors and the service.

Visitors to PMRExpo are well informed, qualified specialists, and include many decision-makers and experts from the following professions and industries: authorities and organisations with safety responsibilities (the emergency services), energy utilities, industry, transport, local public transport, transport and logistics, supply and disposal operations, local authority or community services, specialist dealers and representatives from the world of politics, education, science and research.

The international trade fair is characterised by the variety of its exhibitors, which include German and foreign SMEs and major companies - from medium-sized German companies to multinational groups. The exhibitors include authorities and organisations with safety responsibilities (the emergency services), system and terminal equipment manufacturers, system integrators, producers of control centres, specialist dealers, distributors, developers, partners involved in wireless and security technology, businesses from the sales, service and ergonomics segment, service providers, safety and facilities managers, service providers, network operators, planners, consultants and specialist providers. A vehicle show, including, for example, command and control vehicles or mobile base stations, rounds off what the fair has to offer.

The accompanying programme of presentations consists of the two-day PMR conference, the one-day Control Centre Congress, different specialist fora every day and, from 2016, the PMR Specialist Conference for Utilities. The presentations, discussions and interactive contributions provide the latest information, field reports and prospects for the future of PMR and control centres.

The PMR Conference offers presentations on a wide variety of subjects: criteria for secure communication and information systems, radio communication, alarms and switching on the basis of smart grid and smart metering, IT security and PMR, network operation as a service for third parties, routes to broadband, a pan-European blackout, the cost-effectiveness of shared use of public systems and more besides.

The Control Centre Congress includes the significance of cyber security in the environment of public safety control centres, operation and cost-effectiveness of cloud services, LTE in the context of control centres, public safety control centres as cloud services or the launch of eCall and measures to upgrade control centres.

The specialist fora provide various target groups with information in concentrated form and opportunities for discussion. They are physically integrated into the trade fair and are open to any visitor with a valid ticket for the trade fair. The following specialist fora will be available in 2016: PMR-Forum – an overview of countries, the International Public Safety Forum, the Indoor Coverage Forum, PMR Expo Career Forum – Graduates ask, Recruiters reply, the Specialist Trade Forum and the Energy Industry Forum.

At the PMR Specialist Conference for Utilities, Professional Mobile Radio topics specific to electricity utilities will be highlighted and discussed, and current mobile radio systems will be presented in this context. The topics will include the threat to critical infrastructure, IT security and switching on the Smart Grid. Energy utilities will report from their pool of experience in best practice presentations.

Simultaneous interpretation into English and German will be available at the PMR Conference and the Control Centre Congress. The specialist fora will be held in German or English, depending upon their focus. The Specialist Conference will be held in German without interpretation. The speakers are experts from the PMR and control centre industry, speaking from various perspectives.

A further element has been added to PMRExpo since 2015. What began as a careers initiative is now called PMRExpo Career and supports exhibitors and businesses in the PMR and control centre industry in their search for qualified specialist staff. Two programmes are offered.

The PMRExpo Career – Take off! programme offers exhibiting businesses the chance to target interested school-leavers and students and also to promote themselves at PMRExpo as trainers of the next generation. The two-day programme, which includes a tour of the trade fair, a networking lunch, workshops and the Careers Forum, will enable businesses and career entrants to learn more about each other.

Within PMRExpo Career Jobboard businesses publish their vacancies both on the PMRExpo website and on stand D12, the trade fair's career stand during PMRExpo.

Users, manufacturers, service providers and authorities all come together at PMRExpo, making it the ideal venue for a high-level exchange of information on trends and innovations. It is the place to make new contacts and cultivate new business. The get-together for all visitors and exhibitors held in the show space on the first evening, to the background of live music and with drinks and snacks included free of charge, has become a fixed feature in the calendar.

The German Association for Professional Mobile Radio (PMeV), based in Berlin, has been the ideal sponsor of PMRExpo from the outset. This German industry association represents a pool of leading providers and users of mobile communications systems for professional mobile use. Its members are manufacturers, system vendors, application integration companies, network operators and users.

Since 2013, the organiser has been EW Medien und Kongresse GmbH (EW), Frankfurt am Main. EW is the leading provider of information for the energy and water industry in Germany and organises PMR-related events, e.g. the stand-by service symposium, events concerning emergency and crisis management and PMRExpo.

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