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ALUMINIUM 2026: Sustainability in Focus, New Impulses for the Industry

With fresh momentum, a mix of new and proven concepts, and a clear focus on sustainability, ALUMINIUM 2026 is preparing for its showcase from 6 to 8 October 2026 in Düsseldorf. Organised by RX Global, the world-leading trade fair for the aluminium industry will once again bring the international sector together – featuring an optimised hall layout, the introduction of the new Hall 7A, a robust conference programme, and established networking formats. Already, spaces are nearly sold out.

Driving the Transformation of the Industry

Supported by its sectoral sponsors Aluminium Deutschland and European Aluminium, ALUMINIUM continues to solidify its role as a pioneering meeting point for the global industry. The central theme for 2026 will be "Sustainability," with a particular emphasis on the use of secondary aluminium as a key to decarbonisation. Additionally, the event will once again cover a wide array of relevant topics, including metal processing, primary production, recycling, automation, casting and heat treatments, as well as surface finishing. Cross-sectoral applications in mobility, construction and architecture, and manufacturing will also be prominently featured.

New Event Director, New Hall 7A, New Impulses

At the beginning of the year, Patrick Herman took over as Event Director of ALUMINIUM. With extensive experience in trade fairs, Herman aims to strategically advance the event:

"ALUMINIUM is much more than a specialised trade fair – it is a driver for collaboration, innovation, and societal progress. Our mission is to continually develop this platform in order to provide the industry with solutions to current challenges while making its vast future potential visible. Sustainability will be a central driver in this effort, and ALUMINIUM 2026 will underscore this ambition in an impressive way," Herman stated.

The halls 1 to 7A will offer an optimised visitor experience in 2026. A key feature will be the newly integrated Hall 7A, which will focus on the growth market of semi-finished products. It will also host the ALUMINIUM Conference, which continues to be coorganised with Aluminium Deutschland.

Additionally, the former "Speakers Corner Sustainability & Recycling" will be expanded into an independent "Sustainability & Recycling Conference" in collaboration with

CRU, providing even more space for expert knowledge, best practices, and strategic exchange.

Strong Bookings and Momentum from 2024

Already, 89% of available space has been booked 14 months ahead of the event – a clear signal of ALUMINIUM's ongoing relevance.

ALUMINIUM 2024 demonstrated impressively its ability to bring the entire value chain of the industry together by attracting 20,904 visitors from 99 countries and 819 exhibitors from 50 nations. The event not only facilitated technical discussions and new business connections but also provided crucial insights into economic and societal issues, including workforce development, labour shortages, and greater diversity.

Following its successful premiere in 2024, the "Women with Metal Awards" will once again be presented, sending a strong signal for promoting visibility and recognition of women in the aluminium industry.

Proven Formats, New Accents

The well-established themed pavilions, including the Surface Pavilion and the Primary Pavilion, will remain integral parts of the event in 2026.

By combining trusted formats, fresh ideas, and a clear commitment to sustainability, ALUMINIUM reaffirms its role as the world's leading platform for innovation, networking, and business within the aluminium industry. It not only serves as a showcase for technological advancements but also acts as a catalyst for transforming the future of a sustainable aluminium sector.

"Despite significant challenges, we see enormous opportunities ahead. Aluminium is a key driver of innovation across numerous industries, particularly because of its exceptional recyclability," Herman emphasises. "With ALUMINIUM, we are creating a venue where these opportunities become visible – where technologies, ideas, and people come together to shape the future of a sustainable industry."

About ALUMINIUM

ALUMINIUM is the world's leading trade fair for the aluminium industry, serving as a key platform for innovation, knowledge exchange, and networking. Under the motto "*Sharing a Vision*", the focus is on sustainability, recycling, and technological transformation.

Every two years, the event brings together industry leaders in Düsseldorf, driving future developments through special exhibitions, expert talks, and panel discussions. The next ALUMINIUM will take place from 6–8 October 2026. aluminium-exhibition.com

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