



GACC PITTSBURGH CHAPTER WELCOMES DUISBURG BUSINESS & INNOVATION AND THEIR DELEGATION

Duisburg, located in North Rhine Westphalia (NRW), Germany, is known for its industrial heritage, boasting a diverse economy with sectors including **steel, logistics, and technology**.

After being a **backbone of Germany's steel, coal, and chemical sectors**, the city recently has successfully diversified into services, logistics, and research, with cultural institutions and the **University of Duisburg-Essen** contributing to its modernization.

Duisburg is home to **world's largest inland container port**, which acts as a trimodal logistics hub (river, rail and road), duisport is one of the most important crossroads for the flow of goods across Europe and the globe.

Duisburg maintains strong ties with Pennsylvania, its sister state with North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), fostering **cultural exchange and collaboration across various fields, enhancing its global significance and regional integration**.

Goal

Our delegation is excited to experience **innovative technologies in robotics, AI, energy and waste management** and gain ideas and inspiration to take back to their companies. With the visit we want to foster **building transatlantic networks, exchanging knowledge, and establishing valuable connections that can lead to future investment decisions between Duisburg and Pittsburgh**.



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MEET THE PARTICIPANTS

Our delegation consists of representatives from various industries that have a strong presence in Duisburg and the Nordrhein Westphalia area ranging from **Steel manufacturing, logistics, renewable energy / hydrogen, research & development, as well as IT and economic development.**

Logistic

MARKUS BANGEN

CEO OF DUISPORT (PORT IN DUISBURG)

Markus Bangen has been with duisport since 2000 and CEO of Duisburger Hafen AG since 2021, overseeing finance, development, communications, ESG, real estate, and logistics strategy. Duisburger Hafen AG operates the world's largest inland port in Duisburg, a key European logistics hub handling over 100 million tons of goods and four million containers annually via ships, trains, and terminals.



Steel Industry

SASCHA BOTHEN

VICE PRESIDENT SALES AND MARKETING AT TENOVA

Sascha Bothen is Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing at Tenova LOI Thermprocess in Duisburg. The company is a global leader in industrial furnace systems for the heat treatment of metals, serving steel, aluminum, and automotive industries. With over 100 years of experience and thousands of references, it is represented in all major markets worldwide.



IT / Education

PROF. DR. PEDRO MARRÓN

CEO OF LOCOSLAB GMBH, VICE-RECTOR & CIO, UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN

Pedro Marrón is Vice Rector for Transfer, Innovation, and Digitalization at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Professor of Networked Embedded Systems, and co-founder of LocosLab GmbH. The University, with 35,000 students from 130 nations, is one of Germany's largest and a hub for research and teacher training.

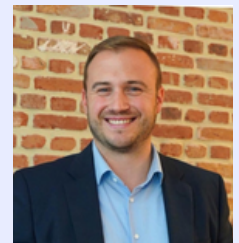


Energy

MARKUS BALG

VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF BUSINESS STRATEGY AT SIEMENS ENERGY COMPRESSION

Markus Balg leads global business strategy at Siemens Energy for compressors, service, sales, engineering, and project management. With over ten years in oil, gas, and large turbines, he focuses on supporting customers in the energy transition. Siemens Energy is a leading global energy technology company, covering the full energy value chain and a market leader in renewables through Siemens Gamesa.



DUISBURG DELEGATION

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Government

MARTIN MURRACK

DUISBURG'S CITY DIRECTOR AND CITY TREASURER

Martin Murrack has been City Director and Treasurer of Duisburg since 2019 and, since 2021, oversees finance, investments, digitalization, fire services, elections, statistics, and university affairs. Duisburg, with around 500,000 residents, lies at the confluence of the Rhine and Ruhr, is part of the LVR and RVR, and ranks as the fifth-largest city in North Rhine-Westphalia.

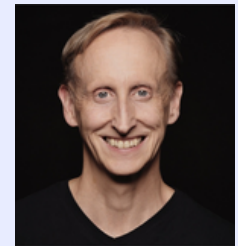


Economic Development

RASMUS C. BECK

CEO OF DUISBURG BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

Rasmus C. Beck is CEO of Duisburg Business & Innovation GmbH and an expert in regional economic development. He holds a doctorate in social sciences, has led economic initiatives across the Ruhr region, and teaches as an honorary professor and lecturer while publishing research on cluster policy and economic development.



Internationalization

DOMINIK BARTZ

HUB MANAGER AT DBI

Dominik Bartz is HUB Manager Internationalization at Duisburg Business & Innovation GmbH and contact person for international networks and projects.

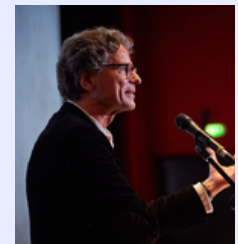


Media

RALPH SINA

JOURNALIST

Ralph Sina is a political journalist and presenter, former EU, Africa, and US correspondent, and host of WDR programs, columnist for "Impuls," and producer of the podcast "So that what concerns us is close to us."



Steel Industry

BERNHARD OSBURG

DBI CHAIRMAN OF ADVISORY BOARD

Bernhard Osburg is Chairman of the Advisory Board of Duisburg Business & Innovation GmbH (DBI). Previously, he served as CEO of thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG until his retirement in August 2024.

