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## 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/energy storage and cyber security** 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**.



**DUISBURG DELEGATION**

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## MEET THE PARTICIPANTS

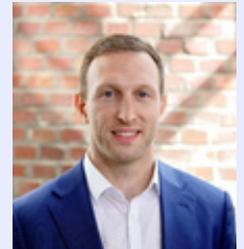
The upcoming delegation from Duisburg brings together leaders from industry, government, academia, and media, highlighting the city's expertise in logistics, energy, innovation, and urban development. The group represents a wide range of sectors, from sustainable growth and digitalization to education, real estate, and economic development. Their visit offers a unique opportunity to share insights, discuss best practices, and foster international collaboration, creating valuable connections between Duisburg and local partners.

Logistic

### ALEXANDER GARBAR

HEAD OF CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AT DUISPORT

Alexander Garbar leads corporate strategy, digitalization, and hydrogen projects at duisport. He specializes in advancing digital infrastructure, sustainability, and innovative solutions. Duisburger Hafен 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.



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.



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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.

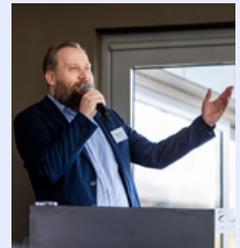


## Internationalization

### 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."



## Real Estate

### MICHAEL BUCHHOLZ

#### CEO AT GEBAG

Michael Buchholz is CEO of GEBAG, Duisburg's municipal housing company, overseeing major urban development projects. An experienced real estate and urban development expert, he focuses on sustainable growth and meeting demand for housing and business space. GEBAG, Duisburg's municipal housing company, manages over 12,600 apartments and leads key land and building development projects.

