

DECORATIVE SURFACES CONFERENCE

MUNICH, GERMANY, MARCH 5-6

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Conference Program

Thursday, March 5, 2026

- 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**
Kurt Fischer, *Technical Conference Management*
- 09:05 **Market Outlook 2026**
Thomas Walther and Maximilian Hamel, *Afry*
- 10:00 **Fifteen Years of Change in Europe's Panel and Decorative Surfaces Industry – Regional Competitiveness, Integration, and the Next Phase of Growth**
George Goroyias and Cormac O'Carroll, *Forest Sector Advisors*
- 11:00 Networking coffee break, exhibitions
- 11:30 **Colour Road 26/27 – Embrace New Perspectives**
Clarissa Blüm, *Renolit*
- 12:00 **Escaping the Innovator's Dilemma: Vertical Integration as Europe's Path Back to Cost Competitiveness**
Robert Bierfreund, *MetiQon*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 **The History, Present and Future of Digital Decor Printing at Tarkett**
Thorsten Beinke, *Tarkett*
- 14:30 **Polish Your Input, Polish your Output: High-End Scanning for Stunning Surfaces**
Royce Dodds, *Cruse Technologies*
- 15:00 Networking coffee break, exhibitions
- 15:30 **Panel discussion**
- 17:00 End of day 1
- 19:00 **Buses leave for Conference Dinner**

Friday, March 6, 2026

- 09:00 **Update on EPF Political and Regulatory Advocacy**
Matti Rantanen, *European Panel Federation*
- 09:30 **Shifting Boundaries: Next Level of Decor Printing**
Nino Speranza, *Interprint*
- 10:00 **Software-Driven Success in Digital Print: Efficiency, Automation, and New Revenue Opportunities**
Oliver Lüdtke, *ColorGate*
- 10:30 **Aqueous Inks across multiple Substrates in the Décor Industry**
Tobias Wilcke and Walter Bachleitner, *Arcolor*
- 11:00 Networking coffee break, exhibitions
- 11:30 **Team Up to Boost Productivity in Decor Printing**
Harald Jordan, *IPAC*, and Marc Graindourze, *Agfa*
- 12:00 **The Next Material Revolution: From Inspiration to Infinite Surfaces**
Anastasia Folak, *Saueressig*
- 12:30 **Functional Printing on Complex Surface: A new Deposition Method for Highly Scratch- and UV-Resistant Coatings and More**
Ben Hartkopp, *Quantica*
- 13:00 **Transformation of a Simple Laminate Structure into a Designer Floor Within the Existing Short Cycle Process**
Peter Weidenschlager and Udo Steinhauer, *Profol*
- 13:30 Lunch
- 14:30 End of Conference