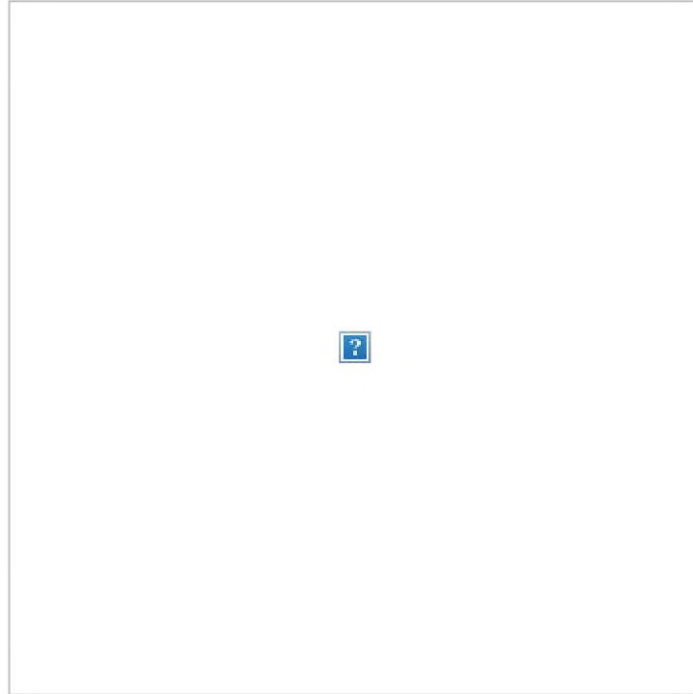
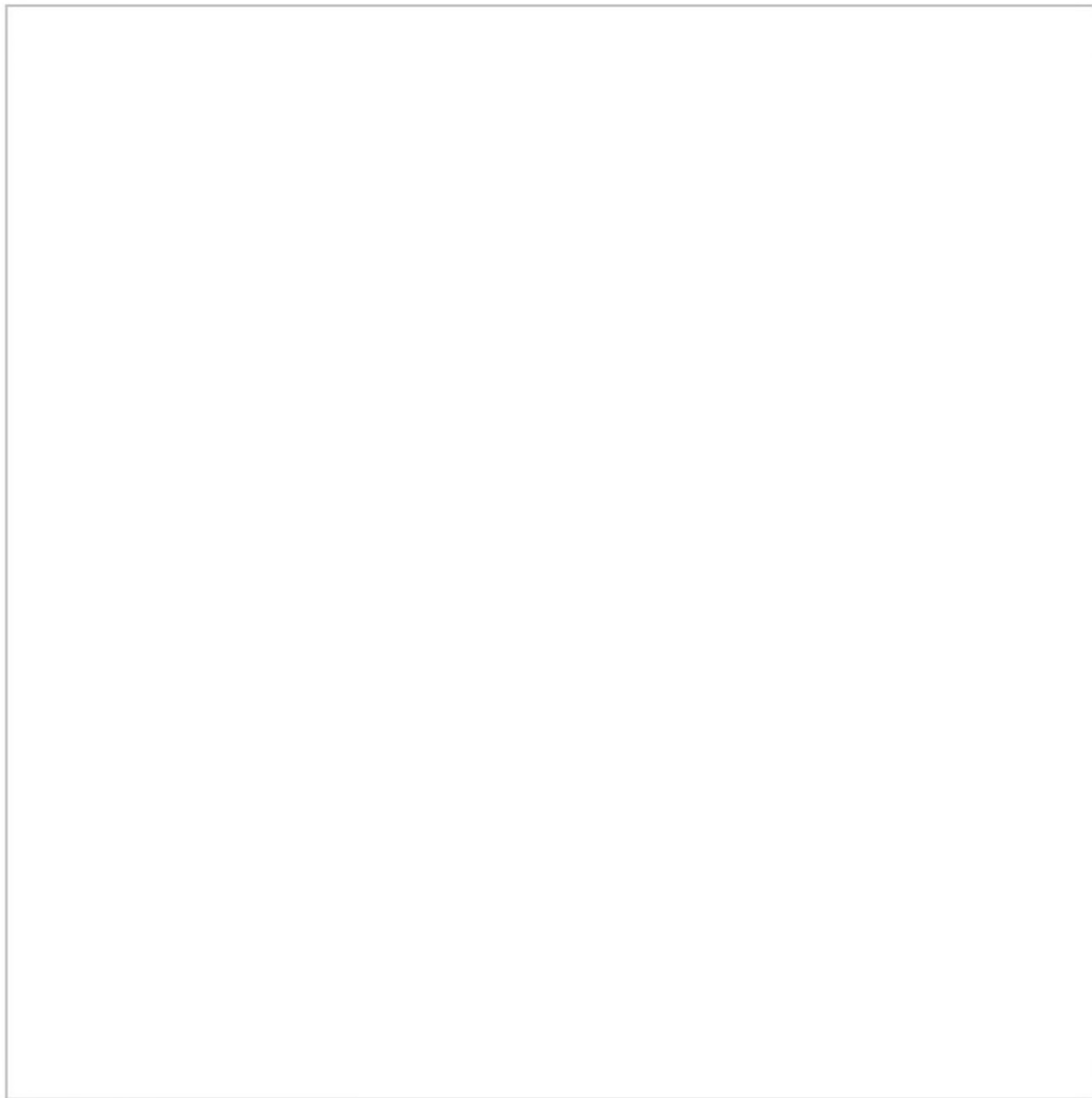


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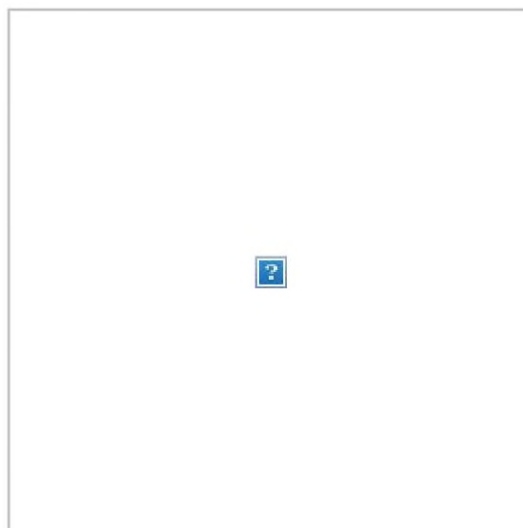
Dear DGIC Friends,

This month, the German American Chambers of Commerce highlighted the results from the [German American Business Outlook at Mercedes-Benz USA in Atlanta, Georgia](#). The event welcomed German-American business professionals across all industries and discussed key takeaways from the [results](#). The event also offered a DC perspective on the results from DGIC President & CEO, Christoph Schemionek. We hope you enjoy this month's Delegation Debrief, which highlights our upcoming AHK-USA Member Fly-In to Washington, DC, insights on U.S. diversification and apprenticeship programs, and more. We were also pleased to welcome VDMA to our office this last month for the EU Equipment Solutions for Solar Manufacturing Conference. There were several engagements covering PV manufacturing, European solutions, and how the Inflation Reduction Act plays a role in U.S. solar manufacturing.

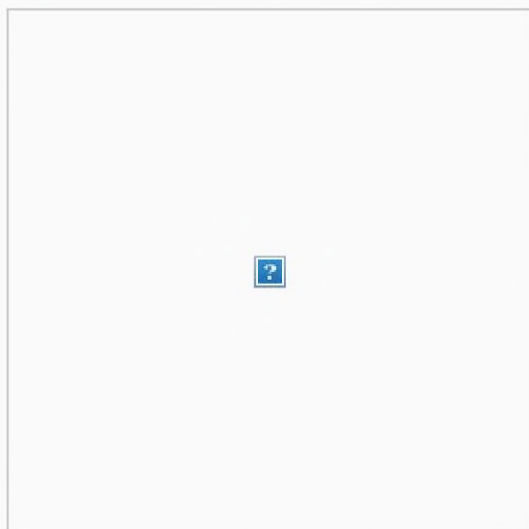
Show Your Support

Humanitarian Aid for Earthquake Victims in Turkey

The AHK network is saddened by the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes that have hit Syria and Turkey. The [German-Turkish Chamber of Commerce's](#) website hosts ways to offer humanitarian aid for the earthquake victims in Turkey. Please consider supporting however you can.



Economic Policy Highlights



93% of German Companies Plan to Grow their Company's U.S. Investments in the next 3 Years

The German American Business Outlook (GABO) results are in and surveyed German companies are expressing an optimistic outlook for 2023:

- 64% of German companies in the U.S. predict growth of the U.S. economy in 2023
- 85% expect their net sales to grow
- 53% of surveyed companies plan to grow their workforce in 2023

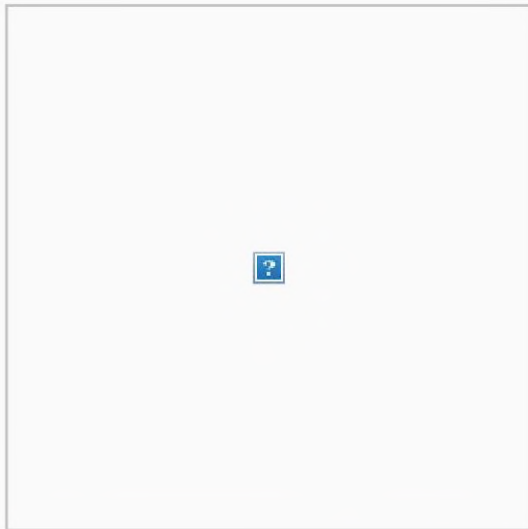
[View the full results here.](#)

The U.S. is Diversifying and Strengthening National Security

Diversification and reshoring are top of mind for President Joe Biden to enhance U.S. competitiveness. Key building blocks in this include ensuring delivery and supply security, diversifying foreign sources of supply, realigning value chains, and more. With Germany's strong export power for capital goods, the German economy can play a critical role in the U.S. government's actions in this matter. [Read more](#) from



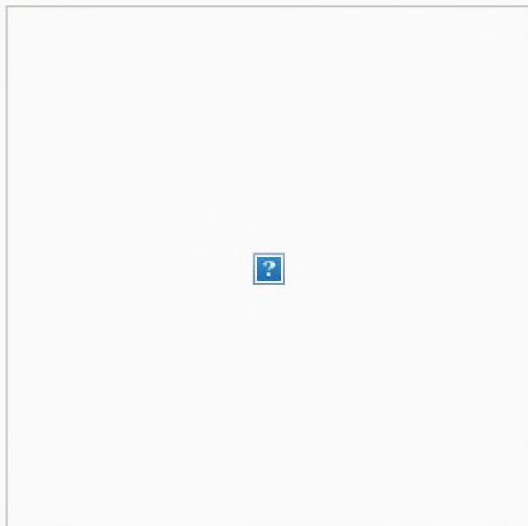
GTAI's Ullrich Umann (in German).



Apprenticeship Programs as a Solution to Filling the Skills Gap

German companies in the U.S. were asked what their company's biggest challenge is for 2023. 62% answered availability to a skilled workforce. To explore this challenge, the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Inc. will be conducting a series of webinars focusing on business and mechatronics apprenticeships as part of the European Recovery Program (ERP). [Learn more and participate here.](#)

Looking Ahead...



AHK-USA Member Exclusive Fly-in to Washington, DC

What does your company have to say about U.S. economic policy? No matter your company's industry, make your voice heard and steer German-American business interests. If you are a member of one of our German-American Chambers of Commerce locations, join us for a DC Fly-In to meet with Washington's policymakers on April 26-27. The trip includes:

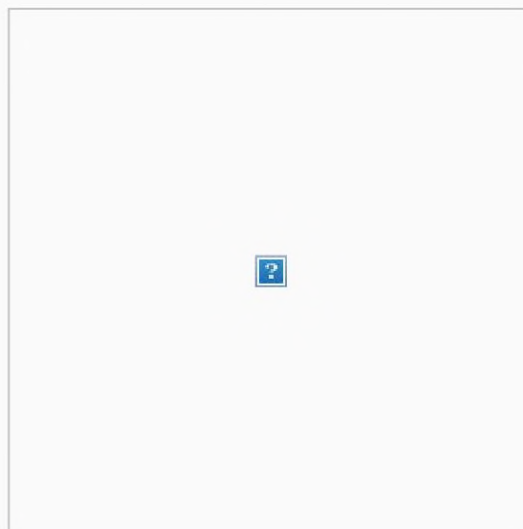
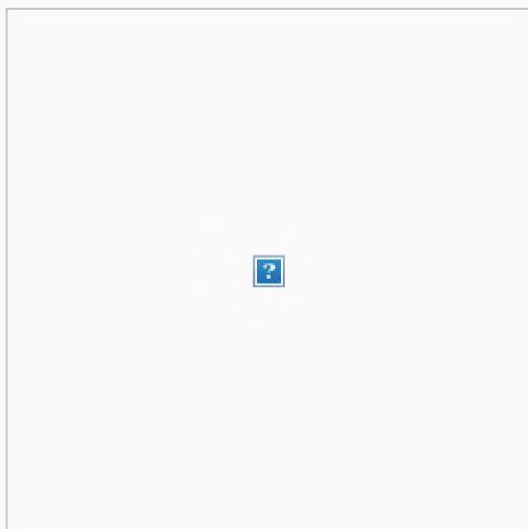
- Meetings with U.S. Congress and the U.S. Administration
- Meeting at the German Embassy
- Tour DC political sights

- Networking reception

[View registration details and sponsorship opportunities.](#)

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Earlier this month we hosted the Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers Association (VDMA) for a conference on "EU Equipment Solutions for Solar Manufacturing." We had the pleasure of welcoming over 70 solar experts, government officials, think tank professionals, and more to our office. Discussions covered the status and cost of PV manufacturing, expansion plans within the U.S. solar manufacturing industry, technology transfers from R&D to factories, and more.



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