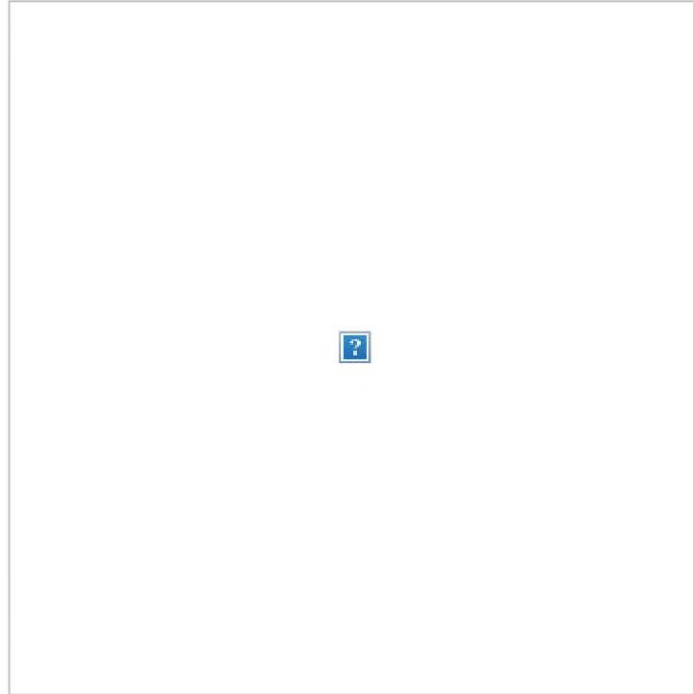
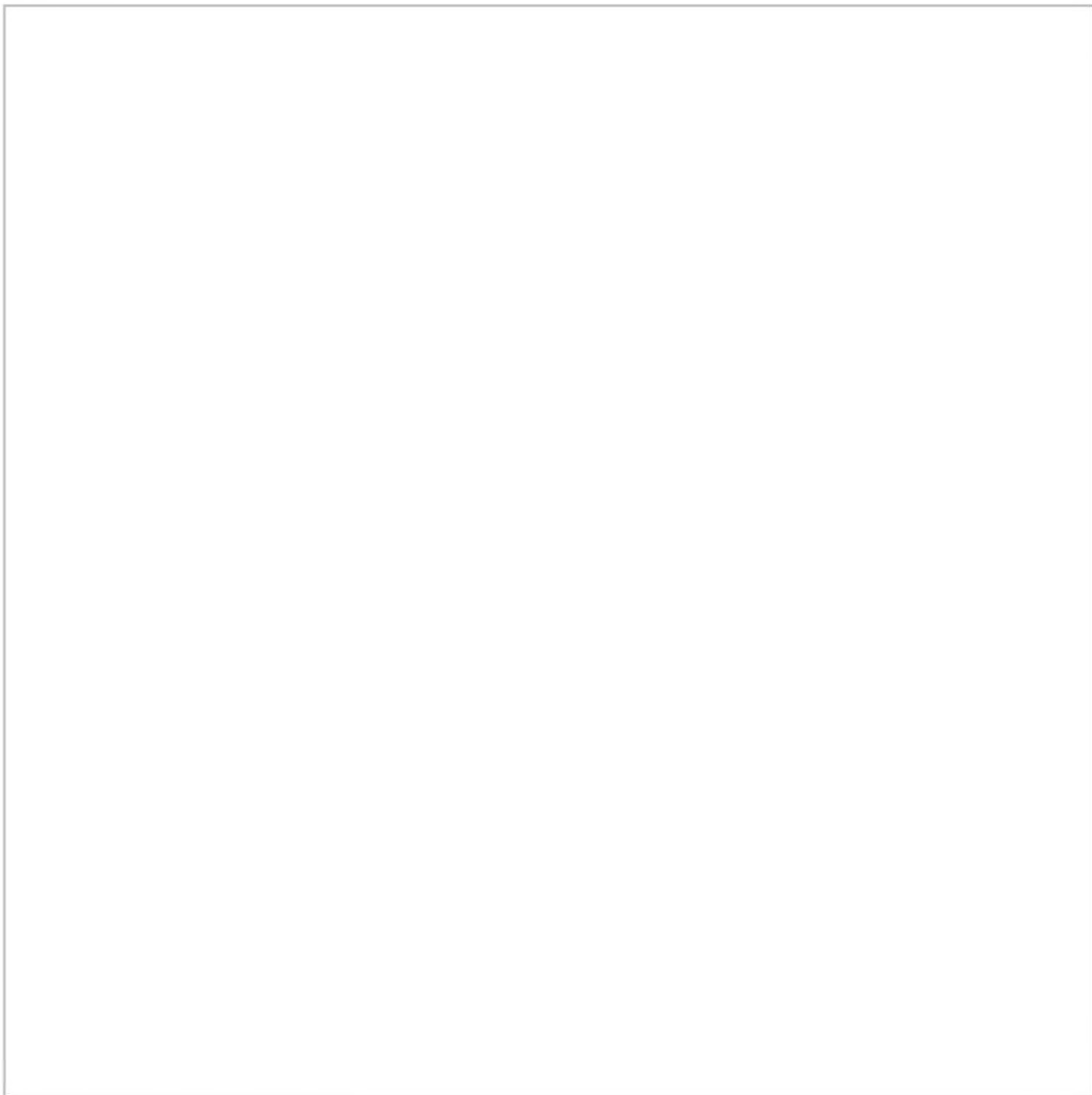


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Dear DGIC Friends,

This month's Delegation Debrief highlights a dynamic mix of global and local developments shaping transatlantic business. Learn how Maryland is helping companies expand their international reach and explore key takeaways from the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings, where job creation and sustainable growth took center stage. We also highlight a recent visit by members of the German Bundestag and Bundesrat to Washington, DC—an engaging exchange on transatlantic economic cooperation. Finally, don't miss our lineup of upcoming events offering valuable networking and business development opportunities across the German-American business community.

Focus on Greater Washington

Maryland helps small businesses expand globally

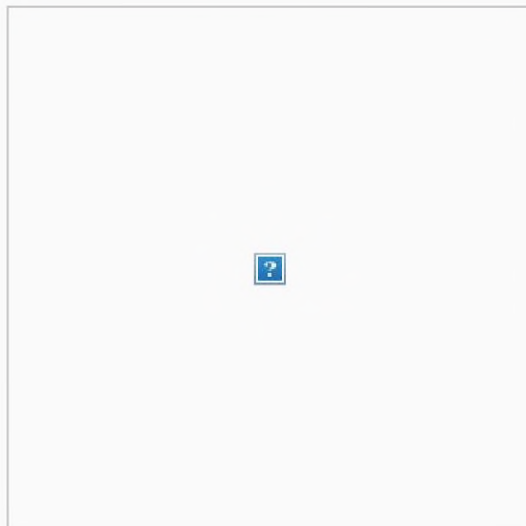
Nearly 100 Maryland companies received state funding in the past year to expand internationally. About \$500,000 was awarded through the state's ExportMD grant program, which supports small businesses in reaching global markets. The program helps cover international marketing costs such as trade show fees and travel expenses. These grants aim to strengthen Maryland's presence in the global economy.

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Economic Policy Highlights



A recap of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings

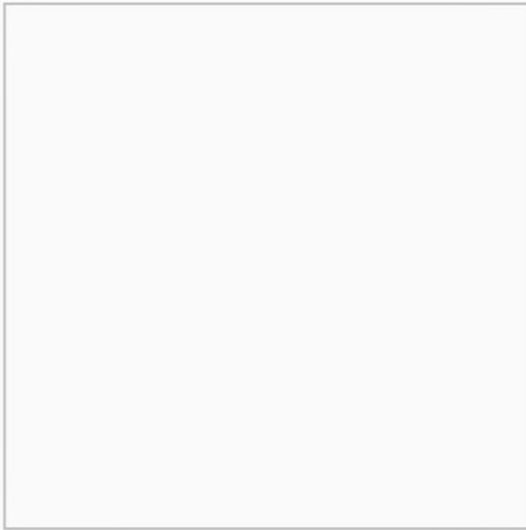
The World Bank Group-IMF Annual Meetings this year centered on a pressing global challenge: creating enough jobs for the more than one billion young people entering the workforce in the coming decade. Employment remains the most powerful pathway out of poverty, providing stability, dignity, and opportunity for millions. This year's theme reflected a major shift in the World Bank's approach—from isolated projects to comprehensive strategies that strengthen entire economic systems.

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German machinery exports face pressures

Following the recent US-EU tariff settlement, many German mechanical engineering sectors are experiencing challenges. The 15 percent tariff has increased product prices and added some administrative burdens. Each component, down to individual screws, now requires detailed documentation on value, origin,

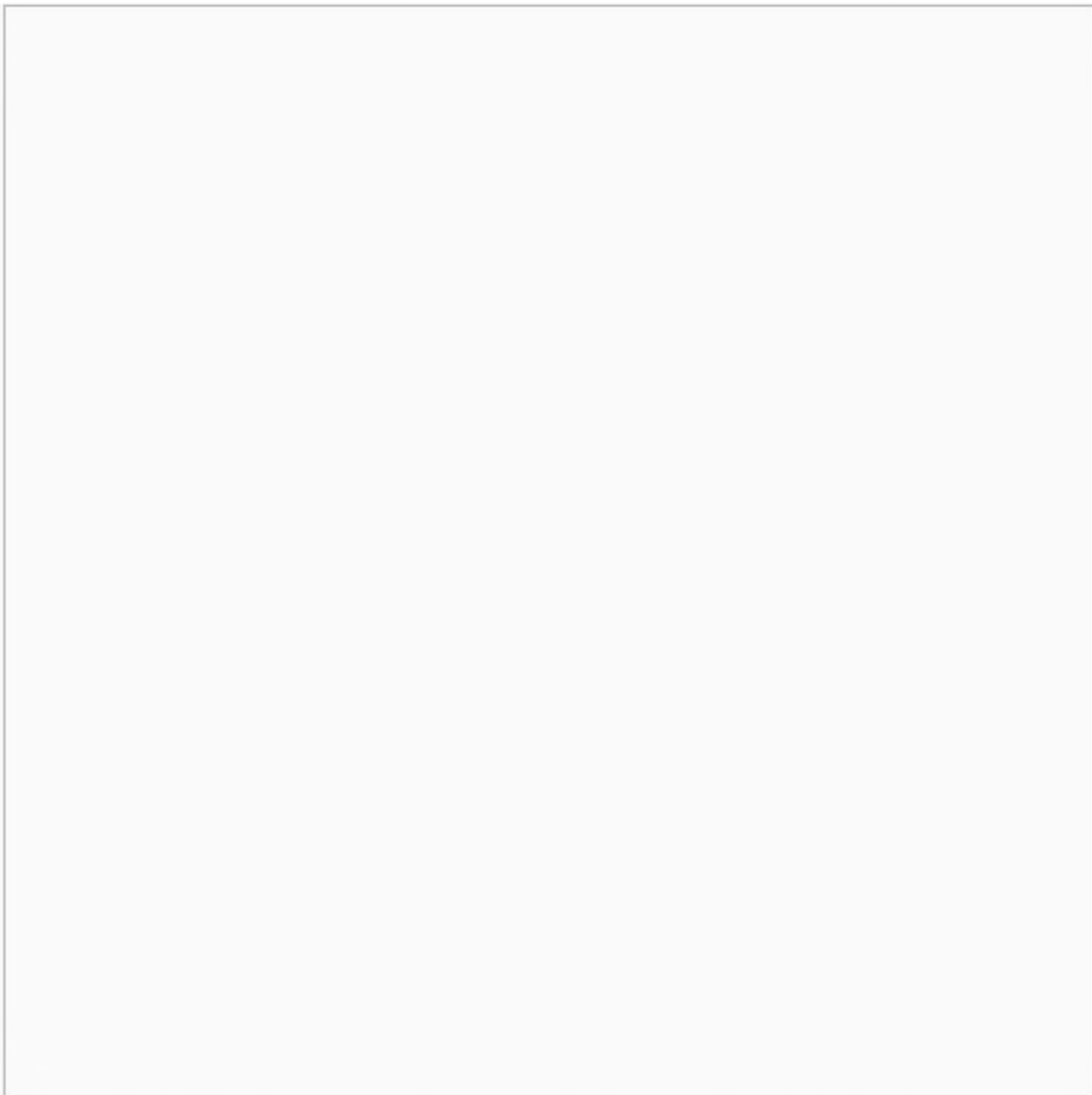


and material content. For some medium-sized manufacturers, U.S. exports have led to a temporary halt in deliveries. The result: between January and July 2025, German machinery exports to the U.S. fell by 10 percent.

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Roundtable with the German Bundestag & Bundesrat

Amid the annual World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington, DC, we had the pleasure of hosting the delegation from the German Bundestag and Bundesrat—a tradition that continues to foster strong transatlantic dialogue.

The discussions were lively and engaging, focusing on the challenges and opportunities faced by German companies operating in the transatlantic marketplace. The core takeaway from the conversation was clear: when the United States and Germany focus on their respective strengths and areas of expertise, the entire marketplace benefits, creating meaningful progress toward deeper economic integration.

We look forward to continuing these important conversations and supporting German companies.

Looking Ahead...

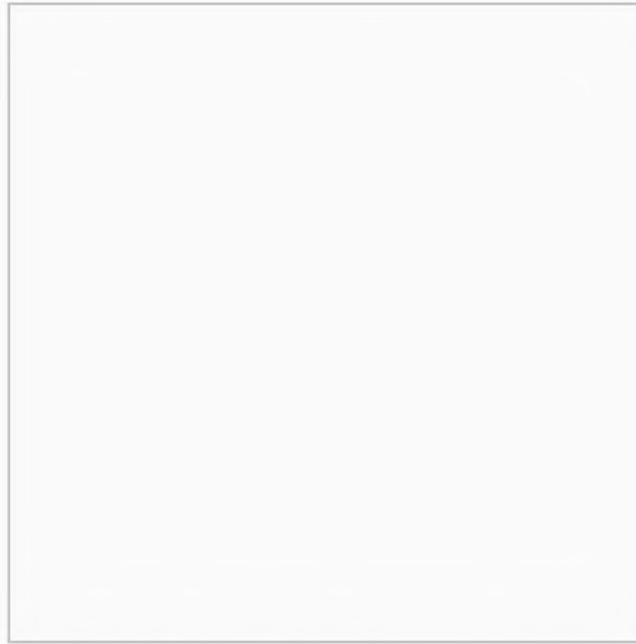


**Networking Reception for Aerospace & Mobility
November 17 | 6:30-9:00PM | Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany**

In cooperation with the State of Baden-Württemberg and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Washington, DC, we will be holding an evening reception on the occasion of the visit from the Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism, Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut, and her Delegation to the United States on the topics of Aerospace & Mobility.

This event will provide a unique opportunity to engage in insightful conversations and make new valuable contacts.

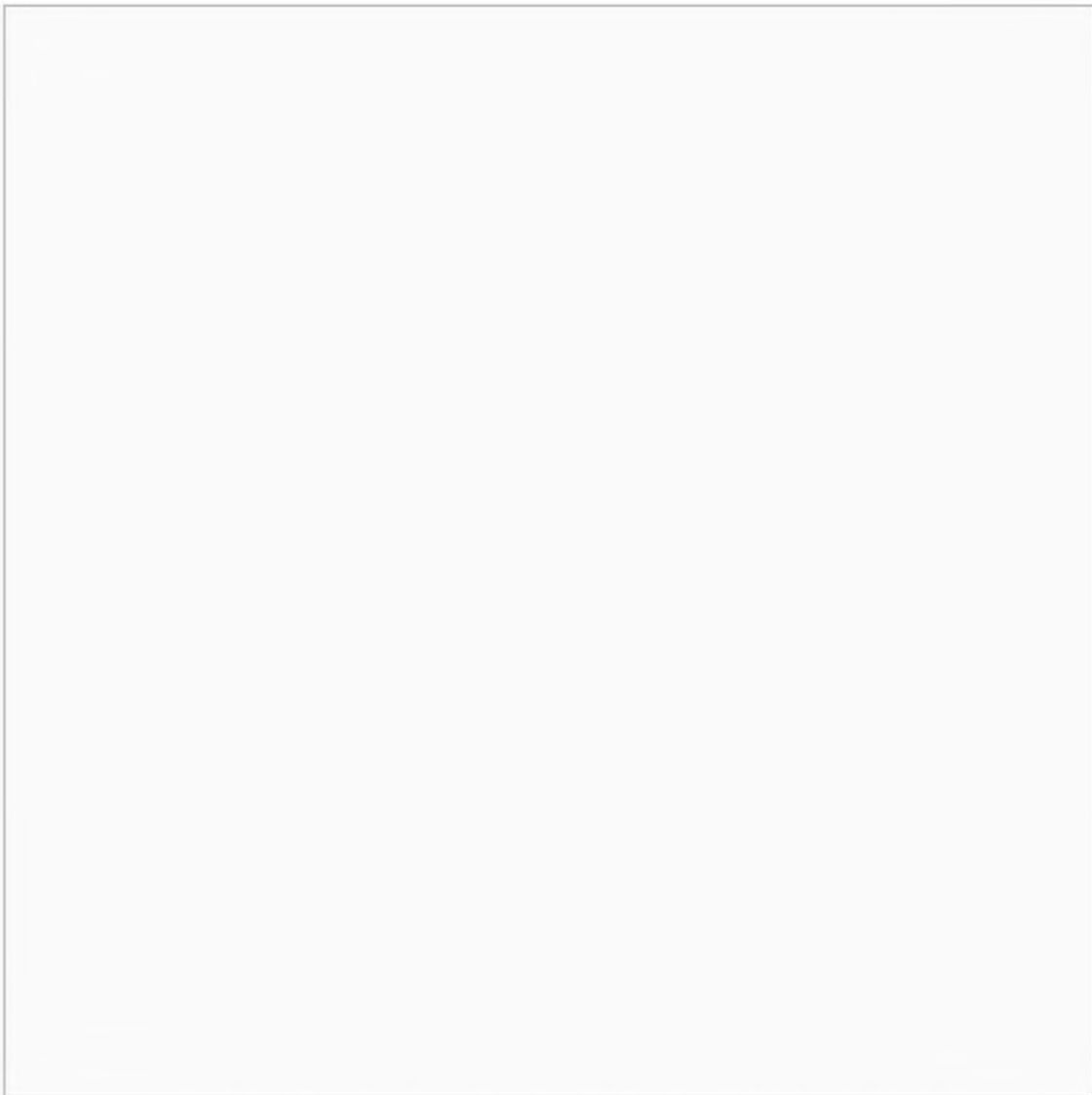
The Baden-Württemberg delegation will consist of CEOs of corporates and SMEs, directors and professors from renowned research institutes and presidents of industry associations. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to [Amal Khaled](#), Senior Manager of Consulting & Corporate Development.



**DGIC Webinar: Tax Tips for German Expats (in German)
December 5 | 12PM ET (18:00 MEZ) | Online**

Tax Season 2026 is just around the corner! For Germans living in the United States, navigating taxes can be especially complex. Which types of income are taxed where—and up to what amount? How do inheritance, gift, and wealth taxes come into play?

Our U.S. tax advisor, Carolin Hock, together with Julian Thalmeir from Munich, will explain the key principles of tax law in both countries and highlight what expats should pay special attention to. Following their presentation, they'll also be available to answer individual questions. Please stay tuned for sign up links and more information.



2026 German-American Executive Summit March 5-6 | New Orleans, LA

Join us for the German-American Executive Summit! This flagship event brings together the German-American business community from across the United States, offering a unique platform to grow your network, strengthen partnerships, and engage in meaningful transatlantic collaboration.

As a joint initiative of all five German American Chambers of Commerce (GACCs), the summit creates unique opportunities to connect with leaders across industries and foster lasting cross-cultural partnerships.

What to Expect:

- A dynamic meeting point for high-value business connections—spanning industries and borders
- Fresh insights and strategic perspectives for sustainable growth and long-term success
 - Engaging discussions with top entrepreneurs, innovators, and decision-makers

- Exclusive market analyses and actionable strategies for immediate impact
- Opportunities to deepen your German-American business relationships and help shape the transatlantic future

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