

**Grußwort von Oberbürgermeister Torsten Burmester  
anlässlich der Eröffnung der EUROPEAN ROTORS 2025 im  
Konrad-Adenauer-Saal, Congress-Centrum Nord der  
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Es gilt das gesprochene Wort!

Good morning, Mr Kämpfe,

Mr Daeschler,

Minister Schnieder,

Minister Krischer,

Mr Hein,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

as Mayor of the City of Cologne it is my great pleasure to welcome you to EUROPEAN ROTORS 2025 and to our city.

Today, Cologne is hosting this important trade fair for the third time. Over the next few days, exhibitors from thirty countries and over 5,000 international visitors will come together. I am delighted that our city is – once again – the centre for the rotorcraft community.

Cologne has been an aerospace city for decades:

With the German Aerospace Center, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, the European Helicopter Association (EHA), and the Air Force Command, we have key players from the world of aerospace in our city. Europe's astronauts are trained in Cologne.

Furthermore, Cologne/Bonn Airport is the logistics heart of the region. In its neighborhood, the SPACEHUB COLOGNE was implemented this year and will create a unique ecosystem for the sector. It is also not far to the German Armed Forces Space Command or the Cyber and Information Space Command.

This local proximity not only reflects the trade fair's close ties to the sectors of aviation and aerospace – but it also underscores Cologne's international importance in this field – something our City is proud of!

Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted that EUROPEAN ROTORS has returned to Cologne after two years in other European countries. This edition is bigger than ever – and I cannot help but think that this is above all due to Cologne's assets as a trade fair location.

I wish participants and organisers that this platform will promote the rotorcraft industry and provide impetus for its future.

Have a wonderful time here in Cologne – in this city in which innovation and progress has been our core competence for 2000 years!

I wish everyone a successful event!

And, of course, I would be delighted to welcome EUROPEAN ROTORS back to Cologne in 2028!

Thank you!