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EUROPEAN PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CHAIN EXCELLENCE SUMMIT

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Pre-Summit Day: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Summit Day: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026

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An exclusive, invitation-only gathering for senior Procurement and Supply Chain executives to share high-level perspectives and navigate an increasingly complex global environment defined by volatility, disruption and emerging opportunity.

This year's program will focus on:

- Geopolitics & Global Trade
- Building Strategic Resilience
- Data-Driven Decision Intelligence
- Practical, Impactful AI
- Evolving Procurement Operating Models
- Leadership, Culture & Organizational Agility



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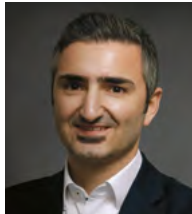
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# Pre-Summit Day

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 | 16:00 – 23:00

## PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Choose your Workshop to dig deeper into a topic of your choice

16:00 – 18:00

### Workshop 1

Room Paris

Duration 120 Minutes

#### From Design to Source: Making Direct Procurement Strategic

- Design-to-Source: BOM collaboration across Procurement, R&D, Engineering and Quality driving premium outcomes at optimal cost
- Strategic Sourcing : Patented Samsung AI Use Cases managing your most complex direct sourcing use cases
- Real Customer Use Cases : How leading manufacturing customers improved profit margins and time-to-market

**Naomi Oiknin**, Senior Solution Consultant, Samsung SDS

**Ulrich Bosch**, Senior Solution Consultant, Samsung SDS

**Ben Grudda**, Head of SRM Business, Samsung SDS

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### Workshop 2

Room Madrid

Duration 120 Minutes

#### From Data to Value How Connected Planning & Agentic AI Turn Volatility into Competitive Advantage

- Turning demand volatility into capital-efficient procurement decisions
- Making service level a board-level strategic lever: Reducing inventory by 15–30% while improving availability
- Eliminating the hidden cost of poor master data: Achieving "First-Time-Right" supplier and product data through Agentic AI
- Connecting Sales, Procurement and Supply Chain in one integrated performance model

**Mieke Grashuis**, Customer Success Manager, Slimstock

**Oliver Kahrs**, Supply Chain Optimisation Expert, Slimstock

**Elco Wever**, Managing Director, Slimstock

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### Workshop 3

Room London

Duration 120 Minutes

#### Creating sustainable savings driven by procurement:

- Why different approaches are essential – across industries and for different commodities
- Ensure you address the right success factors – suited best for your major categories
- Leveraging AI to address the right categories and levers – improving future performance

**Martin Göttert**, Principal, TARGUS Management Consulting AG

**Dr. Matthias Heinicke**, Principal, ARGUS Management Consulting AG

**Frank Welge**, Partner, TARGUS Management Consulting AG

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19:00

## EVENING RECEPTION AT MARRIOTT HOTEL, BERLIN, GERMANY OPENING ADDRESS

**Dr. Lars Kleeberg**, Chief Executive Officer, Association for Supply Chain Management, Procurement and Logistics, (BME)

## WELCOME SPEECH

**Dr. Lukas Biedermann**, COO & Founder, SPARETECH GmbH

Host of the evening event  **SPARETECH**

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08:30 DEEP DIVES

08:30

Deep Dive 1 Room Paris

**Supplier Collaboration Challenges in Automating Outsourced Supply Chains**

Dr. Florian Kaesen,  
Director Value Chain Integration,  
Intel Germany

Deep Dive 2 Room Zürich 2

**Stable material supply in volatile times – automated processes vs. manual allocation expertise**

Sebastian Engl,  
Head of Corporate Procurement  
Business Development,  
KRONES AG

Deep Dive 3 Room Madrid

**Panel Diskussion Europe's Raw-Material Challenge: A Multi-Sector View**

Jean-Philippe COLLIN,  
CNA Board Member,  
Former Valeo-PSA-Sanofi CPO

Deep Dive 5 Room London

**Nurturing teams to Empower Change: Tech is not the key for success, People are**

Ana Dias,  
Chief Procurement Officer,  
Persan SA

09:10 CHANGEOVER BREAK

09:20 WELCOME SPEECH

Dr. Lars Kleeberg, Chief Executive Officer,  
Association for Supply Chain Management,  
Procurement and Logistics, (BME)



09:25 OPENING PLENARY

**Context-setting: the world is changing**

Dr. Thomas Germer,  
CPO,  
ADAC SE



09:30 EUROPE'S GEOECONOMIC BATTLE WITH GREAT POWERS

Dr. Tobias Gehrke,  
Senior Policy Fellow, Goeconomics,  
European Council on Foreign Relations



09:50 WHY PROCUREMENT MUST REDEFINE SUCCESS

Ewald Raben,  
CEO, Raben Group



10:10 MULTI-TIER SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT IN AN ERA OF GEOPOLITICAL SHIFTS

**What it takes to build resilience – and finally sleep well**

Dr. Arnd Hirschberg,  
Senior Strategist, Siemens Energy



10:30 NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

12:45 Join two discussion rounds of your choice. Each round lasts 40 minutes

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INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE 1 – 6

<p>11:15 – 11:55</p>	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 1</b> Room Zürich 3 <b>How to Leverage Legacy Tools and Human Intelligence to Get Started with Agentic Plan-to-Fulfillment</b></p> <p>Darren Lynch, VP Supply Chain and Procurement, GEP</p> 	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 2</b> Room Zürich 2 <b>Operational procurement excellence: leveraging digital solutions and AI @ Wacker Chemie</b></p> <p>Dr. Erk Thorsten Heyen, Senior VP Procurement &amp; Logistics (CPO), Wacker Chemie AG Natalia Parmenova, Chief Revenue Officer, BeNeering GmbH</p> 	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 3</b> Room London <b>Beyond Plastic: Digital Payment Integration as a Strategic Lever for Lean Procurement</b></p> <p>Renold Vasili, Director Business Development, Mastercard</p> 
	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 4</b> Room Madrid <b>Mastering Metrics: Orchestrating Procurement for Measurable Business Value</b></p> 	<p><b>ROUNDTABLE 5</b> Room Paris <b>Beyond Automation: Building a Strategic Procurement Roadmap with AI Agents</b></p> <p>Monika Mutscher, Customer Account Manager – EMEA, Zycus</p> 	

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12:05 **CHANGEOVER BREAK**

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## INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE 7 – 12

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12:45

**ROUNDTABLE 7** Room Zürich 3  
**End-to-End Value Sourcing: Redefining Direct Procurement for the Next Decade at Flender**

**Yannick Weibring,**  
 Procurement Functional Excellence,  
 Flender GmbH



**ROUNDTABLE 8** Room Zürich 2  
**Turning Data Silos into Strategic Insight. Bertelsmann's IT Spend Cube Approach**

**Sebastian Michel-Wildner,**  
 Senior Director Group IT Sourcing,  
 Bertelsmann  
**Rasa Raoufi,**  
 Co-founder,  
 Mithra Ai



**ROUNDTABLE 9** Room Paris  
**Untangling Complexity: How MRO Transparency Drives Operational Resilience**

**Dr. Lukas Biedermann,**  
 COO & Founder,  
 SPARETECH GmbH



**ROUNDTABLE 10** Room Madrid  
**Leverage Is Won or Lost at Component Selection – Across Cost, Supply and Speed**

**Varun Narayanan,**  
 Vice President, Business Transformation,  
 Lytica Inc.



**ROUNDTABLE 11** Room London  
**From Scope 3 Data to Real Impact: Driving decarbonization across complex supply chains**

**Stephanie Herre,**  
 Sales Manager,  
 Ecovadis



**ROUNDTABLE 12** Room Zürich 1  
**ERP, Agents, Suite - What's the 2026 Target Architecture? And What About the Buyers?**

**Tim Geyer,**  
 Co-Founder,  
 Zalion GmbH  
**Alex Morbe,** Co-Founder,  
 Zalion GmbH



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12:45 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:15 **MIDDAY PLENARY**  
**Capacity-Building: How We Transform**  
Chairman Dr. Thomas Germer,  
CPO, ADAC SE

14:15 **TRANSFORM TO PERFORM: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR PROCUREMENT IN A DIGITALIZED WORLD**  
Samuel Cochon,  
Chief Procurement Officer, MANN+HUMMEL GmbH

14:35 **BUILDING A MODERN PROCUREMENT ORGANISATION FIT FOR THE FUTURE**  
Görkan Ülker,  
Procurement Director, Body, Chassis, and Aftermarket, Jaguar Land Rover

14:55 **HOW PROCUREMENT CAN HELP TO MAINTAIN COMPETITIVENESS IN EUROPE IN VIEW OF RISING ENERGY & CARBON COST**  
Dr. Erk Thorsten Heyen, Senior VP Procurement & Logistics (CPO), Wacker Chemie AG

15:15 **CHANGEOVER BREAK**

15:25 **Deep Dive 7** Room Zürich 2  
**Leading from the Front – Shaping a Culture for a Future-Facing Procurement Function**  
Görkan Ülker,  
Procurement Director, Body, Chassis, and Aftermarket, Jaguar Land Rover

**Deep Dive 8** Room Madrid  
**Challenges in defense ramp up – From engineering with prototyping to serial business**  
Tim Teubler,  
CPO,  
Thales Deutschland

15:25 **Deep Dive 9** Room Zürich 3  
**From M&A to Procurement Excellence**  
Anja Vinz,  
Global Head of Procurement Excellence, Novonesis

**Deep Dive 10** Room Paris  
**Navigating the Next Wave: From Linear Cost-Centric Models to Resilient, Sustainable & Collaborative Ecosystems**  
Dr. Thomas Schamberg,  
Global Head of Supply Chain Management, BYK-Chemie GmbH

**Deep Dive 11** Room London  
**From Disruptions to Decisions: A Data-Driven Path to Supply Resilience**  
Emmanuelle Piketty,  
Group Director Procurement, CPO, Vaillant Group



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### 16:05 NETWORKING BREAK



### CLOSING PLENARY

#### Organization-building: how we lead & compete long-term

Chairman Dr. Thomas Germer, CPO, ADAC SE



### 16:35 COMPETITIVE EDGE: OVERCOMING COST CHALLENGES TO ENABLE SUCCESSFUL FUTURE POSITIONING

Lutz Berg, Executive Vice President, Head of Global Purchasing, BSH Hausgeräte GmbH



### 16:55 FROM FULFILMENT TO CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE: BUILDING TRUST IN SUPPLY CHAINS WITH DATA AND FORESIGHT

Saulo Spaolanse, Global SVP, Customer Experience, Global Supply Chain, Schneider Electric



### 17:15 THE TRANSFORMATION OF BAYER'S PROCUREMENT FUNCTION AND LEADERSHIP MODEL

David Buhmann, CPO, Bayer Pharmaceuticals

Florian Vollmer, Head of Procurement Sustainability & Risk Management, Bayer



### 17:35 CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Thomas Germer, CPO, ADAC SE

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- What** EUROPEAN PROCUREMENT &  
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- When** Exclusive pre-event workshops and get-together  
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Full - day Summit  
**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026**
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