

Final report 9th GPEC General Police Equipment Exhibition & Conference® 2016

International Exhibition & Conference for Police and Special Equipment

Motto 2016: Thinking and equipping from the job!

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- **Renewed increase for the most comprehensive overview dedicated to the business with public authorities for the technical equipment in the field of internal security with 526 exhibitors from 31 countries and 6,694 security experts from 57 countries**
- **Most representative overview for all subject fields and up-to-date training, conference and consultation programme under the patronage of the Federal Minister of the Interior Dr. de Maizière**
- **10th GPEC® from 20th to 22nd February 2018 in Frankfurt a. M.**

At the closed specialized event GPEC® 6,694 security experts from 57 countries informed themselves with 526 exhibitors (348 national and 178 international ones) from 31 countries about novelties, technologies and trends in the field of Police and Special equipment (2014: 6,387 visitors from 62 countries and 503 exhibitors from 28 countries).

The further **increase** in the number of visitors and exhibitors, the once again biggest net exhibit space since the first GPEC® in the year 2000 as well as the further increased popularity among exhibitors and visitors from abroad are distinctive benchmarks. Especially pleasing is the very positive response among visitors from authorities and the increased satisfaction of the exhibitors.

Besides well-known exhibitors of the respective product and subject fields with a lot of new launches also the Federal Ministry of the Interior together with the Federal Police, the Federal Agency for Public Safety Digital Radio (BDBOS) the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) and the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) as well as the Police Forces from Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt and the Security Cooperation Cybercrime with representatives from the state criminal police agencies of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saxony and BITKOM (Germany's digital association) presented interesting and in part self-developed exhibits and solutions. In addition to that the police unions BDK, DPolG and GdP as well as IPA have participated with expertise and engagement for their members.

The up-to-date **training programme** mainly included official expert conferences and working group meetings in all subject fields and spheres of equipment and thus brought together the relevant experts. Besides recurring and well attended GPEC® conferences such as the one on Aviation Security, the Procurement Seminar or the 13th Official Control Rooms Congress new ones could be acquired such as the specialized conference Weapons and Equipment of the PTI of the German Police University that from now on takes place every two years at GPEC®, the first specialized conference on Operational Experience and Equipment Requirements of the Federal and Länder Riot Police Forces or the specialized conference of the PTI on the Police Patrol Car of the Future. The specific thematic relevance of GPEC® was also expressed through the session of the new established working group Command and Operational Equipment with representative from the Federal and Länder governments on behalf of the UA FEK (AG FEM) of the AK II of the IMK, whose members as well as other conference participants informed themselves profoundly during an intensive visit to the exhibition.

Thematic fora in the exhibition hall complemented the offer of information. Particular attention was given to the speeches of the commanders of the Special Forces GSG 9, KSK and ZUZ in the forum Operation and Equipment as well as the theme complex traffic management, geographical data and the kick-off presentation Transport Security Technology. The expert workshop Protection Equipment and Armament of First Responders, IT workshops, topics for Special Forces, product presentations in the outdoor area, the car shooting training, the Taser European Technology Summit as well as the special presentation Interactive Patrol Car and Electric Mobility rounded off the offer.

Thus GPEC® built again the most comprehensive platform for the national and international **product and information exchange**. Through this bundling and optimization this „One-Stop-Shop“ like no other event in Germany significantly contributed to the careful handling of in particular personal resources in authorities which was helpful with regards to the current overstrain.

GPEC General Police Equipment Exhibition & Conference® is Europe's biggest **closed specialized trade fair** for the target group **security authorities**. GPEC® sees itself as service provider, unique branch meeting and exhibition for Police and Special Equipment. As interdepartmental and international communications platform it is available for the following **target groups**:

- Police
- Border Guard
- Customs and Financial Bodies
- Prison Service and Justice
- Government Services and Agencies
- Special Forces
- Military Police
- Gendarmerie and Infantry

It reaches executives, technicians, procurement officers, instructors and end users at international, national and regional level.

Since the year 2000 GPEC® is the **first and only representative overview** of products for internal security for all subject fields and kinds of equipment in Germany - especially information and communications technology, vehicle technology and traffic control, weapons and tools, clothing and personal equipment, forensic science and technology. As closed event GPEC® is accessible only for professional visitors from authorities that can present a service ID card. Thus resulting confidential and qualified discussions make GPEC® popular among visitors from authorities and exhibitors. This characteristics as unique, closed specialized event will be further strengthened and distinctively developed in the future. As a result the importance of the specialized **exhibition as the core** of the whole event will be further increased.

GPEC® takes place every two years as closed specialized event in Germany. Organizer is EMW Exhibition & Media Wehrstedt GmbH. The **10th GPEC®** will be organized from **20th to 22nd February 2018** in hall 11 of Messe Frankfurt. The increased demand among visitors and exhibitors also from abroad can be met best with this change of location to Frankfurt a.M. The accessibility of GPEC® for specialized visitors from a wide range of offices/departments from various ministries with a day trip is another important reason for this decision.

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