

MEDIA INFORMATION

Austrian Minister of Economy visits BENTELER plant in Düsseldorf

- **The visit by Federal Minister Dr. Hattmannsdorfer underscores the importance of direct dialogue between industry and politics on economic conditions and industrial value creation.**
- **With its strategic management holding in Salzburg, Austria, and production sites worldwide, BENTELER is a prime example of cross-border industrial capability.**
- **Plant tour provides a concrete picture of complex production processes, efficiency requirements, and operational challenges.**

Düsseldorf / Salzburg, May 13, 2026. On Monday, May 11, Dr. Wolfgang Hattmannsdorfer, Austria's Federal Minister for Economy, Energy, and Tourism, visited the BENTELER site in Düsseldorf along with a delegation. The purpose of the visit was to gain direct insight into local industrial value creation and to discuss current economic and industrial conditions. The delegation was welcomed by Markus Buchsteiner (Chairman of the Supervisory Board of BENTELER Automobiltechnik GmbH), Uwe Henny (Chief Financial Officer of BENTELER Automotive Modules), and Christoph Brenke (Vice President Operations of BENTELER Automotive Modules).

"It was a particular pleasure for us to welcome Federal Minister Dr. Wolfgang Hattmannsdorfer to our site in Düsseldorf," emphasized Markus Buchsteiner. "Personal dialogue with political decision-makers is essential for internationally positioned industrial companies with strong roots in Austria and Europe."

Practical insight into modern manufacturing

In addition to an overview of the company and its facilities, the visit focused on the industry's current challenges and included a tour through the production area. "The direct insight into manufacturing highlights just how demanding modern industrial value creation is today," explained Uwe Henny. "It fosters a better understanding of operational realities – from efficiency requirements to process stability – and underscores the value of a fact-based dialogue between politics and industry."

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headquartered in Salzburg, Austria, from where the group manages its global operations. The Düsseldorf plant belongs to the BENTELER Automotive Modules division and specializes in the assembly of modules and systems for automotive customers. Efficient production processes and close collaboration along the supply chain characterize the work on site.

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Group photo (from left to right):

Georg Schmidt (Honorary Consul of the Republic of Austria for North Rhine-Westphalia), Markus Buchsteiner (Chairman of the Supervisory Board of BENTELER Automobiltechnik GmbH), Dr. Wolfgang Hattmannsdorfer (Federal Minister for Economy, Energy, and Tourism of the Republic of Austria), Angelika Sery-Froschauer (Vice President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber), Uwe Henny (Chief Financial Officer, BENTELER Automotive Modules), Christoph Brenke (Vice President Operations, BENTELER Automotive Modules).



Plant tour:

Christoph Brenke (on the right in the photo) gave the Austrian delegation a tour through the production facilities at the BENTELER site in Düsseldorf and provided first-hand insights.

About BENTELER

BENTELER is a global group of companies serving customers in automotive technology, the energy sector and mechanical engineering. As a globally active specialist in the field of metal processing, we develop, produce and distribute safety-related products, systems and services worldwide.

In the 2025 financial year, Group revenues were around €8.0 billion.

The BENTELER Group is managed by BENTELER International Austria GmbH, which is headquartered in Salzburg, Austria. Our more than 20,000 employees at around 90 locations worldwide offer first-class manufacturing and distribution expertise – passionately and close to our customers.

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About BENTELER Automotive Modules

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