

German Plastics Center

Testing • Training • Research • Certification • Networking


The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of numerous small, cylindrical plastic granules. Most of the granules are a vibrant blue color, while a smaller portion, particularly in the lower-left area, are white. The granules are piled together, creating a textured, three-dimensional effect.

THE ENABLER

in the plastics industry

MAKE USE OF THE NETWORK

The strongest network in the industry.



With more than 400 members, the SKZ support association is currently the most important and dynamic network when it comes to plastics. Our network reflects the breadth of the industry while offering excellent opportunities for collaboration. Benefit from numerous cooperation opportunities by networking with experts from all areas of the plastics sector.



- Have influence on relevant **R&D topics**, derive **intellectual property rights** and commercialize them for your company.
- Get involved in a dynamic network that provides you easy access to experts as well as to key contacts in industry associations and **politics**.
- Present your company and your products to attract maximum attention within the **communications media** of one of the most important industry networks.
- With your contribution, you support our commitment in teaching at universities and universities of applied sciences; you promote the **enthusiasm** of students for technology and plastics, and enable SKZ to maintain its unique **technical equipment**.
- Through your commitment in the **SKZ bodies** you make sure that you can continue to access all the services and equipment you need at SKZ in the future.
- You receive information, research results and **impulses at first hand**. Additionally, SKZ network members profit from discounts for training courses and conferences.

Fill out your application form at the end of this booklet.



Together, all of us are stronger – we are your competent partner when it comes to the production of high-quality plastic products.

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Bastian

Chief Executive Officer



Bavaria needs high-performance facilities like SKZ that gives ear to medium-sized businesses.

Hubert Aiwanger

Bavarian State Minister of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy



SKZ has been an important partner for plastic processing companies in Germany for many years.

Roland Roth

President of the German Association of Plastics Converters (GKV)


NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of a strong community.

In the FSKZ network you are perfectly connected. We give your interests a voice in politics, science and industry. You receive valuable impulses for securing the future of your company. We give you our active support along the entire value chain through our unique synergy effects from over 50 years of experience as a partner to the plastics industry. In a strong network you are a visibly strong partner!

FIRST-HAND INFORMATIONS

Free publications.



News from SKZ and its network are available to the members through regular publications, such as "SKZ-Aktuell" or the website www.s kz.de as well as through the direct cooperation in the bodies of experts and R&D projects.

Keep up to date using the contacts to experts during our networking events and conferences. If you have an urgent technical question or maybe need a second opinion just give us a call. As a member of the SKZ network you enjoy our special attention. For example, the first consultation by phone is usually free of charge.



SKZ-AKTUELL

Annually there are 5 editions of "SKZ-Aktuell" to keep you up to date with the latest developments in the network and the industry.



SKZ NETWORK DAY

Networking is a top priority. Meet the members of the network at the annual SKZ Network Day.



KUNSTSTOFF: nachgefragt

The first podcast in Germany that is purely about plastics, the industry and related topics. More than 5,000 followers confirm the high quality. With this in mind: We'll be in touch!



WEBSITE

More than 50,000 monthly visits demonstrate the significance of the SKZ website. And of course also available for you on your mobile devices.



2 **PROFESSORSHIPS**

Since 2008 SKZ has been financing the discipline "Polymer functional materials" at the Julius Maximilian University in Würzburg and is still involved in teaching at university and college – not only through the institute's director Prof. Dr. Martin Bastian.

485 **SCHOOL CLASSES**

Since 2011 some 10,000 school students from 485 classes have made their first experience in the field of plastics at SKZ lab.

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Regional Development and Energy



3,600 **MASTER CRAFTSMAN**

A success story since 1963: In cooperation with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (CCI) Würzburg-Schweinfurt and the CCI Peine 3,600 Master Craftsmen of Plastics and Rubber Production have been trained.

600 **EVENTS**

High amount of practical content of our training courses is a key quality feature for the effective further education.

10,000 **PARTICIPANTS**

More than 10,000 participants each year in 7 locations of SKZ in Germany and many more at company training throughout the world.

TRAINING OF SKILLED WORKERS

We take care of it!

By being a member of FSKZ network you actively support our efforts in the promotion of young professionals.

The shortage of skilled professionals doesn't cause us to moan but to tackle the problem. With more than 600 events and 10,000 satisfied participants per year we are the market leader for training in the field of plastics. Supporting our efforts you secure the coming generation of specialists.



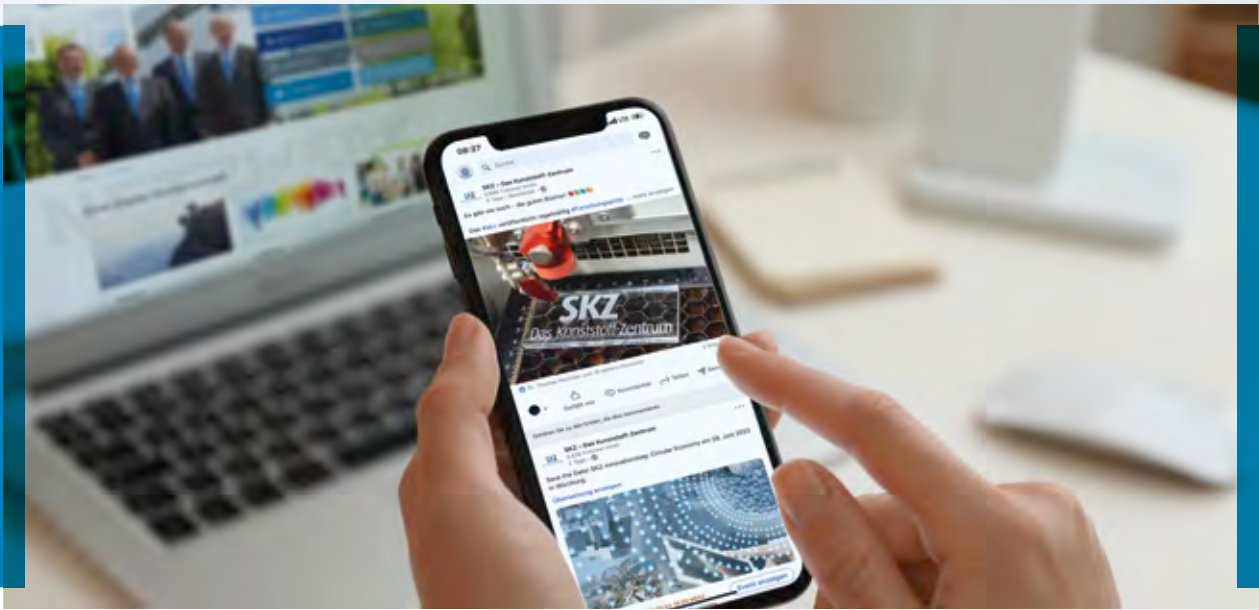
COMMUNICATION

On all channels.

Become a part of the SKZ community and advertise during our events, in our annual programs and use the visualization opportunities in our member's catalogue. As a member you have additional, partly exclusive ways to convince potential clients of the benefits of your products and services. Our publications are part of your communication channels directly to your customers.

In addition, as a member of the SKZ network, you benefit from discounts on company training courses or SKZ events and can influence the selection of speakers. You regularly receive special conditions, which are shown in the corresponding event documents.





EXHIBITION & SPONSORING

There are multiple visualization possibilities during our conferences and events. As an exhibitor or event sponsor you can present straight to your target group.

MEMBER'S CATALOGUE

Make use of our annual member's catalogue and profit from a contact medium for and within the industry. You are perfectly represented and will find contact to the potential clients.

GENERAL CATALOGUES ACADEMY & JOINING

With a circulation of 12,000 copies, we inform the industry about our entire portfolio of continuing education. Whether in print or electronically – advertising in one of our annual programs you can reach your target audience regularly and in a focused way.



Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs
and Energy



Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs,
Regional Development and Energy



ZUSE-GEMEINSCHAFT
FORSCHUNG, DIE ANKOMMT.



ALLIANZ
INDUSTRIE
FORSCHUNG

100+ PUBLIC RESEARCH PROJECTS ANNUALLY

16 RESEARCH AREAS

Almost the entire spectrum of plastics technology is covered in our research and development departments. Here we have been honored with many scientific prizes and awards.

We work on more than 100 publicly funded research projects and over 500 industrial projects per year. The many resulting patented results testify to the high competence of our research activities.

> 29.000 SQUAREMETERS

At the headquarters in Würzburg and the other locations, 130 researchers, developers and technicians have access to a total of 29,387 m² of modern facilities for industry-related research.

Deutschland
Land der Ideen
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RESEARCH THAT MATTERS

For the industry directly.


In modern plants, we can scale up your production processes in industrial terms and optimise them under technical, economical and ecological aspects. A special importance is attached to the promotion of pre-competitive research within the framework of industrial collective research (IGF) by AiF. Our members can directly participate in the projects and receive exclusive information on many project results.

As a founding member of the ZUSE community, we always provide you with research that matters.



SAFETY THROUGH TESTING

With solutions from a single source.

A photograph of two male scientists in a laboratory setting. The scientist in the foreground is wearing safety goggles and a white lab coat, looking intently through a microscope. The scientist in the background is also wearing safety goggles and a lab coat, looking down at something out of frame. The background is slightly blurred, showing laboratory equipment and shelves.

When it comes to analyzing and optimizing process sequences, evaluating processing techniques and tools, or performing complex damage analyses, the experts at SKZ are always ready to help. We are happy to make this knowledge available to companies, processors, insurance companies, courts and you.

Our absolute neutrality and independence, combined with the expert knowledge we have built up over 60 years, guarantee that we are an expert, competent and reliable partner for all questions relating to the subject area of „plastics testing“.



>1.000

STANDARDS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

130

TESTING SPECIALISTS

At the Würzburg site, 80 engineers, natural scientists and laboratory technicians work in the accredited testing laboratory. In addition, about 50 qualified chemists, physicists, engineers, technicians and laboratory assistants work in the laboratory in Obernburg.

You can rely on all these specialists!

We test according to over 1,000 standards and regulations at our two locations. This makes us your reliable partner for all questions on the subject of „plastics testing“.

5.000

SQUAREMETERS

Thanks to a laboratory area totaling approx. 5,000 square meters, state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure, we are one of the large and leading specialists in the industry.



On request, all tests can also be implemented in a climate-neutral manner.



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Akkreditierungsstelle
D-IS-19033-01-00

17020 Inspection body of type A

We are a type A inspection body accredited in accordance with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17020 for quality assurance in the manufacture of products and external monitoring, for example on construction sites.



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Akkreditierungsstelle
D-PL-19033-01-00

17021 Certification of management systems

We are your competent partner for individual management certifications. This is the best foundation for the performance and economic success of your company. It is the entrance ticket to the markets relevant to you.



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17025 Test laboratory

In our independent DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 accredited test laboratory, we not only test according to industry norms and standards, but also develop an individual and solution-oriented test program according to special requirements upon request.



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17065 Certification body

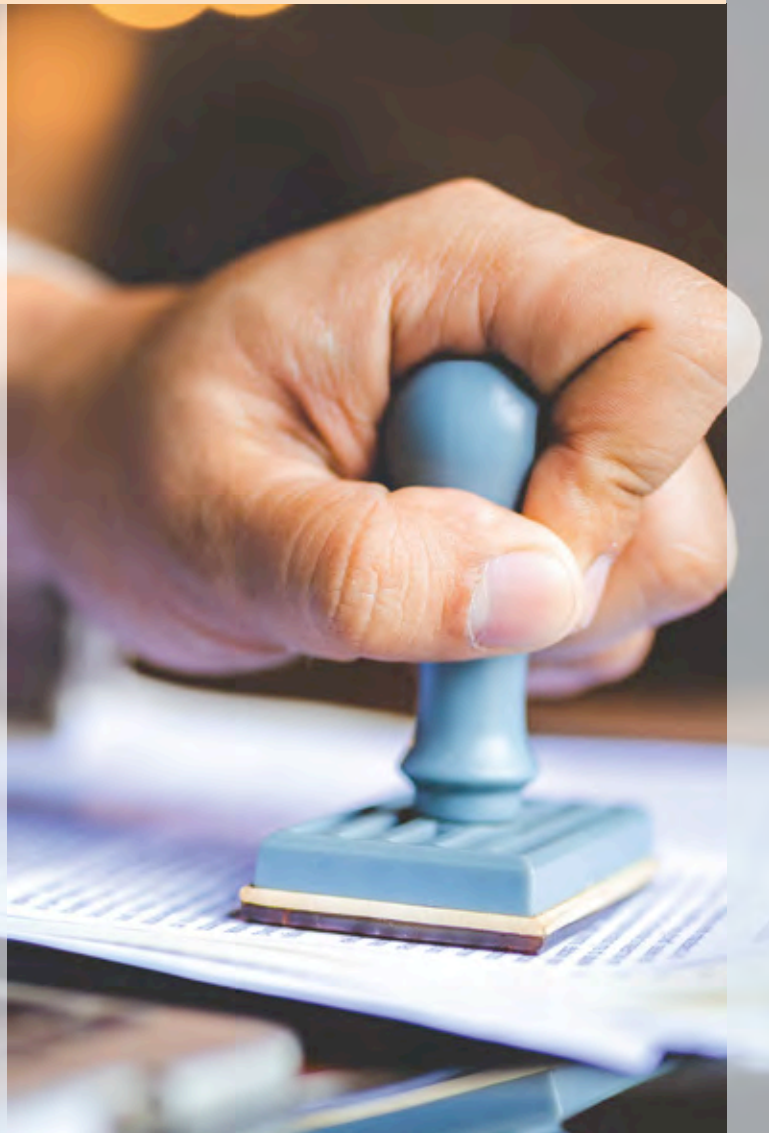
The certifications of our DIN EN ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body help to win new orders or justify existing ones. Certified products offer clear advantages for gaining market share or new customers.

UNDER HAND AND SEAL

Reliable partnership.


Objective, impartial appraisal and expert assessment are guaranteed with us. Our competitive advantage lies in our flexibility and professionalism. For example, we attach great importance to competent and value-added auditing of our customers and ensure this through regular training and monitoring procedures. Furthermore, our customers and their certification procedures are supported by an experienced project management team.

Due to the high-level structure of the standard bases, we can offer you integrated management solutions that can support your specific corporate strategy even better.



COMMITTEE WORK

We support our industry.

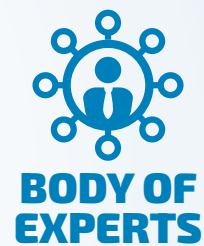
A photograph of two scientists, a woman and a man, working in a laboratory. They are both wearing white lab coats, safety glasses, and blue gloves. The woman is on the left, looking towards the man on the right. They are holding a metal frame with several green plastic components attached to it. The background shows various laboratory equipment and pipes.

The aim of the non-profit, technical-scientific association is to promote plastics applications and, in particular, to support education and training as well as research and development. Through your membership fee, you help us to provide the necessary resources for this purpose.

Through your involvement in committee work, you also have direct access to research results and help shape the future course of the industry and the SKZ. In this way, you can continue to access the guidance you need at SKZ in the future.



Represented by eminent personalities from business, politics and associations, the Board of trustees advises the administrative council and the management in strategic and political matters.



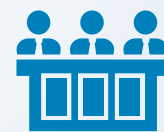
Experts are involved in the respective departments and submit proposals for R&D topics, or support the standardization activity. Are you interested? These circles are open to interested specialists.



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Reknown plastics technology experts advise the administrative council and the management on technical issues and support the corporate design and further development of SKZ, especially within the research branch.



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SKZ is the solution provider for questions concerning polymer materials.

Kurt Gebert

ALLOD Werkstoff GmbH & Co. KG



The SKZ network is fundamentally important for the plastics industry.

Marcus Wirthwein

Wirthwein AG



SKZ manages to bring together all key players to work on common concepts.

Sandra Füllsack

motan holding gmbh



SKZ is driven by industry needs.

Matt Sieverding

Brückner Group

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of a strong community!

Just get in touch with the right people: industry colleagues, science, associations and politics. Everyone is there and the paths are unique. You don't need to knock, kneel and beg, just talk to each other and you are a big step ahead. It would be nice, if it was always that easy.

Winning often means using the right group at the right time. In a strong network you are a visibly strong player.

COMPETENCE IN PLASTICS

Profit from our know-how!



TESTING

We support your product policy through quality testing and quality assurance and thus provide valuable arguments for your sales markets.



TRAINING

We are the market leader for training and knowledge transfer in the plastics sector with more than 10,000 participants per year.



RESEARCH

We stand for market-driven development and improvement of products and production technologies.



CERTIFICATION

With certification of management systems, we offer the best prerequisites for efficiency and economic success.



ASO ANALYTIC SERVICE OBERNBURG

In our ISO 17025 accredited analytical laboratory, we offer added value by consulting the automotive industry as well as in our key areas medical technology and chemistry.



INDUSTRIE CONSULTING

As a contact person without interface problems, we resolve issues through interdisciplinary cooperation between our divisions.



EZD EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISPERSION TECHNOLOGIES

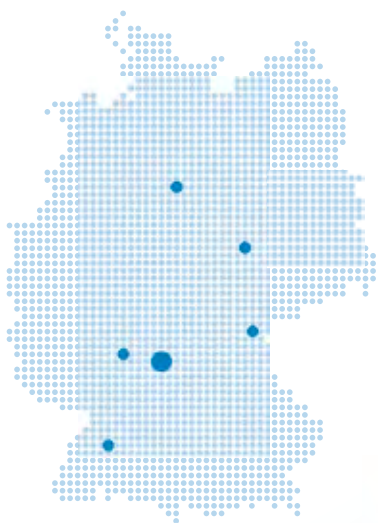
We are an interdisciplinary research and technology transfer center focused on the preparation and characterization of dispersions.

A STRONG NETWORK

In Germany and beyond.

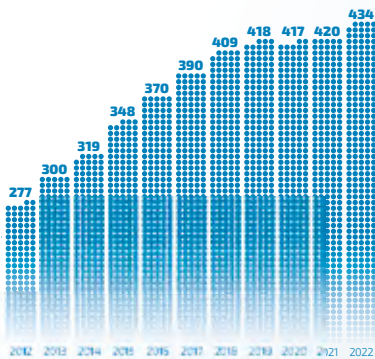
With more than 400 members, the association for the promotion of the SKZ is currently the most important and dynamic network when it comes to plastics. Historically, the focus has been on the D-A-CH region, but our FSKZ members are networking worldwide.

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**LOCATIONS
IN GERMANY**

In addition to its headquar-
ters in Würzburg, SKZ is also
represented in Halle, Horb,
Obernburg, Peine and Selb.



**MEMBER
DEVELOPMENT***

Steadily rising membership
figures speak for the quality and
reliability of the SKZ network.



**MEMBER
DISTRIBUTION**

Most members come from the
D-A-CH region and the Middle East,
but also from distant countries as
far away as Argentina or China.

*October 2022. Are you in yet?

MEMBERSHIP FORM

BECOME PART OF A STRONG COMMUNITY

The membership fee is staggered according to annual turnover for companies.
Be part of the possibilities of a SKZ membership and contact us.

Company	
Street	
Zip code city	Country
Contact for	
First name	Surname
Phone	
E-mail	invoice e-mail

Annual turnover	Membership fee	The membership fee is staggered according to annual sales and is calculated as shown opposite.	annual turnover in Mio. €	minimum contribution 2023 in €
			< 2,5	660,-
Entry date			< 5	1.310,-
			< 25	1.940,-
		From 01.01.2020 until 31.12.2025 the membership fees will increase automatically by 3% (rounded to full 10€ amounts).	< 50	2.490,-
			< 100	3.170,-
			< 250	3.730,-
			< 500	4.970,-
			< 1.000	6.200,-
legally binding signature/stamp			> 1.000	12.380,-

Privacy notice

We process and use the personal data provided by you in writing, in particular your name, address, telephone number or e-mail address, for the proper processing of your membership in the FSKZ e. V. and for information about the SKZ network.

Furthermore, I agree that you may send me advertising on events of the other SKZ societies to my e-mail address given above.

I can revoke this declaration of consent at any time by sending an informal message to FSKZ e. V., Frankfurter Straße 15-17, 97082 Würzburg, by e-mail to fskz@skz.de or by telephone on +49 931 - 4104-233.

By signing below, the statutes of the Association for the Promotion of the SKZ Plastics Centre are acknowledged (www.skz.de/netzwerk).

Date	Signature

Please send by e-mail to fskz@skz.de or by post:

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Reliable partners in the SKZ!

The managing directors from left to right: Dr. Benjamin Baudrit (Deputy Managing Director Education & Research), Robert Schmitt (Managing Director Certification), Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Bastian (Institute Director), Dr. Thomas Hochrein (Managing Director Education & Research and Managing Director Testing)

As one of the largest plastics institutes in Germany and the world, we offer practical solutions - tailored to your needs. For over 60 years, we have seen ourselves as a partner to the plastics industry with far-reaching system competence: Through quality testing and quality assurance, we support your product policy and provide valuable arguments for your international sales markets. We are the market leader for further education and knowledge transfer in the field of plastics with more than 600 different events annually. In the field of research, we stand for market-driven development and improvement of production technologies. With the certification of management systems, we offer the best prerequisite for performance and economic success.

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