

HRM Newsletter – July 2025

HAMBURG HIGHLIGHTS

The latest updates from the Hanseatic City of Hamburg



[General overhaul of the Hamburg – Berlin line](#)

The 278-kilometer rail link between Hamburg and Berlin is one of the most heavily used direct city connections in Germany. Up to 30,000 passengers use this route every day, with around 470 trains operating daily. However, this intensive use comes at a price: outdated infrastructure leads to disruptions and delays,

affecting both passengers and freight transport.



[Germany: EIB loan for new metro cars in Hamburg](#)

Hamburger Hochbahn AG (Hochbahn) has signed a loan agreement with the EIB to finance 41 new DT6 metro trains. The contract was signed by EIB Vice-President Nicola Beer and Hochbahn CEO Robert Henrich, attended by Hamburg transport senator Anjes Tjarks.



[€50 million for "Impossible Founders"](#)

The City of Hamburg has secured over €50 million in funds for deep-tech startups after the recently-founded Startup Factory "Impossible Founders" received €10 million from the German Ministry of Economics and Energy, a press release said Thursday (July 10, 2025) . This will be supplemented by over €40 million from

Hamburg-based companies and foundations.



Hamburg now "European City of Trees"

Hamburg won Friday (July 4, 2025) the "European City of Trees" (ECOT) award. The city's approach to climate change adaptation through tree management proved the deciding factor. The annual award is presented by the European Arboricultural Council (EAC) to a city

in the host country of its annual meeting of members.



Bridging Cultures: Julie-Ann Shiraishi on India's Role in Hamburg

When Hamburg transforms every two years into a colourful kaleidoscope of Indian culture, business, science and politics, then it is time for India Week. Its eleventh edition showed once again how deep and vibrant German-Indian relations have become - not least thanks to the tireless commitment of Julie-Ann Shiraishi. As

project coordinator of India Week Hamburg, she pulls the strings in the background and, together with a dedicated team, ensures that over 80 events across the city run smoothly.

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MOIN MOIN AND NAMASTE!

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter, where we bring you the latest news and highlights from Hamburg.

We highlight the award won by Hamburg as the European city of trees, the award was presented by the European Arboricultural Council (EAC). In the innovation space, Hamburg is making strides with over €50 million secured for deep-tech startups, supported by the newly established Startup Factory. Meanwhile, the founder of Impossible received a €10 million boost from Germany's Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

On the economic front, Hamburger Hochbahn AG (Hochbahn) has signed a loan agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to finance 41 new DT6 metro trains—marking a significant investment in sustainable transport. In hospitality news, Scandic is set to open a new hotel in the city.

Looking ahead, Hamburg has unveiled its Future Vision for the City Centre, with a strong focus on sustainability and climate resilience, aiming for completion by 2040.

Additionally, major construction work on the 278-kilometer rail link between Hamburg and Berlin will take place from August 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

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Dive into the full articles to explore the stories behind the headlines—and much more.

Enjoy reading!

HAMBURG UPDATES



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Broadening offering in Germany: Scandic to open new hotel in Hamburg

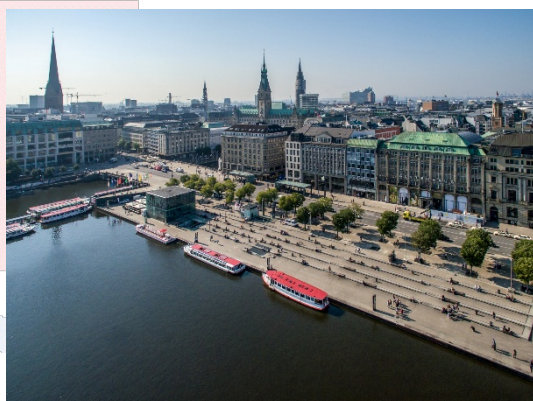
Scandic is continuing to expand in Germany by signing a new hotel in Hamburg, the country's largest and Europe's third-largest harbor. The hotel, which will have approximately 430 rooms, will offer guests an exclusive experience with a lounge, rooftop bar, fitness center and terrace on the top floor with a spectacular view of the



almost twice as many as last year — to the industrial halls in Oberhafen.

Innovations definitely possible in Hamburg, HHIS finds

Innovation is essential for prosperity in future, and generating it is at the forefront of everyone's mind. The 10th Hamburg Innovation Summit (HHIS) focused Thursday (July 10, 2025), on how Hamburg is positioned in this respect. Dubbed the "largest innovation festival in the metropolitan region", the event attracted over 3,000 innovation enthusiasts —



This is how Hamburg's city centre should develop by 2040

Hamburg, along with Munich, is considered Germany's most popular city center, according to the Cima Monitor. To remain viable, however, it must address new dynamics and challenges. With its "City Center Vision," the Hanseatic city presents strategies and measures for inner-city structural change.



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UPDATES FROM INDIA



[Monsoon Session Of Parliament From July 21, Eight New Bills On Agenda](#)

Eight new bills, and possibly a resolution to extend President's Rule in Manipur, are on the agenda for the monsoon session of Parliament that happened on July 21, sources told NDTV Tuesday.



[Tesla opens first India showroom at Mumbai's BKC, cars to start at ₹59.89 lakh](#)

On a rainy Tuesday 15th July, Tesla Inc. opened its first showroom in India at the upscale Bandra Kurla Complex, marking the American electric vehicle maker's long-anticipated launch in the

world's third-largest automobile market.



[Borosil Renewables to wind up German unit, focus on Indian solar glass](#)

Borosil Renewables has filed an application to wind up operations of its German subsidiary to sharpen focus on the Indian solar glass market with immense potential. In a regulatory filing, Borosil Renewables Ltd said its material step-

down subsidiary in Germany, GMB Glasmanufaktur Brandenburg GmbH, has filed an application for the commencement of insolvency proceedings before the Insolvency Court at Cottbus, Germany, in accordance with the German Insolvency Code (InsO).

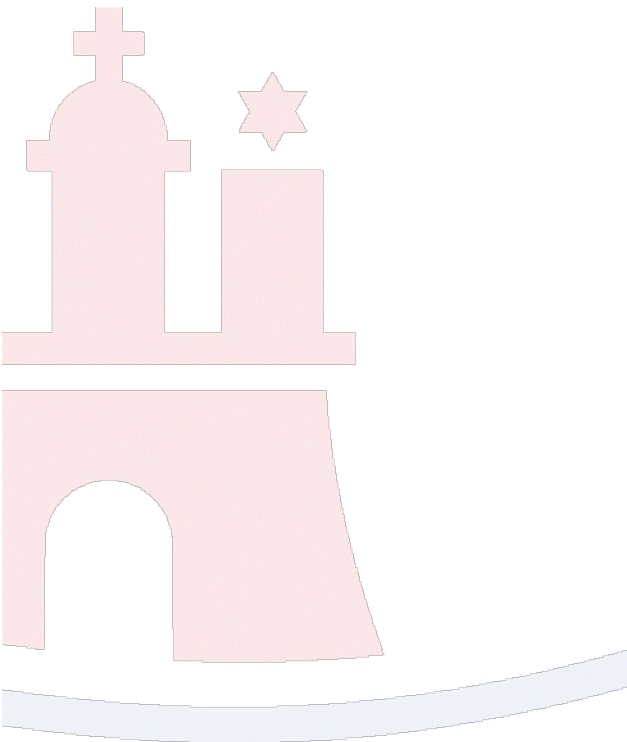
PORT OF HAMBURG MAGAZINE



JUNE 2025

This edition focus on tariffs and export, import and how with the United state of America raising tariff affects the shipping industry in Germany. The Port of Hamburg publishes a magazine every 3 months, covering different topics in each edition. Click on the the link to read this edition:

<https://www.hafen-hamburg.de/en/press1/media/port-of-hamburg-magazine-2.2025/>



HRM SPOTLIGHT

[INMEX SMM India 2025](#)

[INMEX SMM India 2025](#), South Asia's premier maritime exhibition and conference, is scheduled from September 10 to 12, 2025, at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai. This event will bring together global maritime and shipping professionals, offering unparalleled networking, knowledge sharing, and business opportunities. Attendees can expect to explore the latest innovations in shipbuilding, ship equipment, offshore and port technologies, maritime safety and security, and green technologies. **To know more about sponsorship and partnership opportunities, [please get in touch](#) with Ms. Sameeha Pradeep Sule, Chief Representative, Hamburg Representation Mumbai.**



[Global Security and Innovation summit 2025](#)

The Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS) is a unique event that serves as a platform for political leaders, industry executives, technology pioneers, and security experts to address emerging global security challenges and explore cutting-edge solutions drawn from fields such as cyber security,

artificial intelligence, robotics, space or infrastructure, quantum computing, and defence technologies. Partnered by the Hamburg Messe und Congress which will take place on October 22nd – 23rd 2025. **To know more about opportunities, [please get in touch](#) with Ms. Sameeha Pradeep Sule.**





[Recharge Wind Power Summit 2025](#)

In an era defined by the urgent drive toward net zero, wind power has emerged as a cornerstone of the global energy transition, but its path forward is anything but straightforward. In order

to progress, the industry must overcome various challenges stemming from geopolitical tensions, changing policies, energy security and cost. Taking place in Hamburg on 27 November, Recharge invites you to join the Wind Power Summit 2025, as we bring key stakeholders, including industry leaders, policymakers, financiers and innovators, to discuss the outlook of Wind and how it can progress as a key puzzle-piece in the global energy transition. **To know more about opportunities, [please get in touch](#) with Ms. Sameeha Pradeep Sule.**



[WindEnergy Hamburg 2026](#)

Mark your Calendars! WindEnergy Hamburg is set to return on the 22nd to the 25th of September 2026. After last year's success, the 15th edition of the Trade-fair will be bigger than ever. WindEnergy Hamburg is a global wind energy event taking place in Hamburg

biannually. It's a marketplace and networking platform for the wind industry, showcasing the latest technologies and driving the energy transition. The event features exhibitors from numerous countries, covering both onshore and offshore wind energy sectors, and includes theme routes, special areas like the AI CENTER, and networking opportunities. WindEnergy Hamburg 2024 had over 43,000 attendees from 100 countries and 1,600 exhibiting companies.

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HRM ACTIVITIES



Aussenwirtschaftstag 2025

The Hamburg Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2nd Hamburg Foreign Trade day earlier in July 2025. The highlights of the event included keynotes by Senator Dr. Melanie Leonhard and Bernd Lange, MEP.

Discussions on topics such global trade, innovation and market access. Panel talk with experts in the field of technology and

collision of geopolitics, along with 40+ AHK individual consultations. Hamburg Representation Mumbai was proud to contribute to the conversation shaping the future of Germany's top foreign trade hub. Copyright: ©Kati Jurischka



Partnertreffen/Annual Partner Meeting

Hamburg Representation Mumbai had the pleasure of meeting with our partners for our Annual Partner Meeting. This gave a platform to reflect, share feedback and discuss priorities for the remaining months of 2025 and the next year 2026. It was a pleasure to meeting in person that reinforces the

cooperation that drives our joint initiatives.



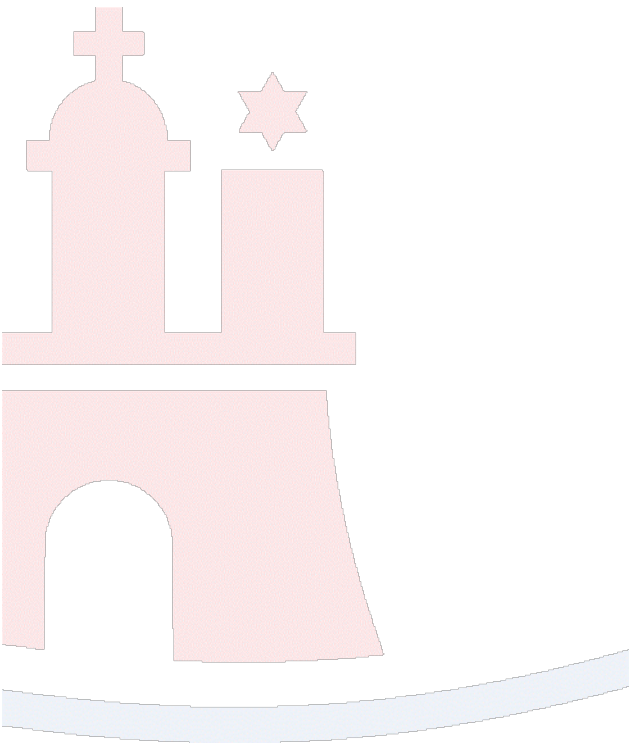
Meeting with Indian Register of Shipping

The Hamburg Representation Mumbai had the opportunity to visit the Indian Register of Shipping, where we gained valuable insights into their work and engaged in meaningful discussions about potential future collaborations.



Innovate X Pune

The Hamburg Representation in Mumbai had the opportunity to attend the Innovate X event in Pune. Alongside the event, we also met with Hamburg Ambassador Prashant Rao. Our discussion focused on developing a strong network centred around energy and innovation. We connected and engaged with various companies in this space to strengthen our network for future collaborations and events.



HAMBURG INSIGHT

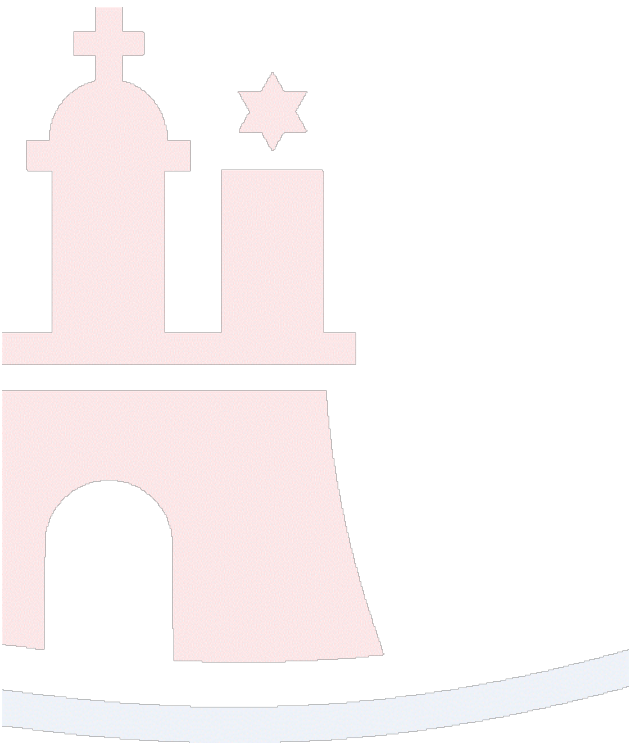


Immersive Art Centre: Port des Lumières

Port des Lumières is an immersive art space that presents digital exhibitions dedicated to important figures from art history, such as Gustav Klimt and Friedensreich Hundertwasser as well as contemporary art, such as the exhibition 'Journey' by Turkish production studio

Nohlab. This digital art form immerses visitors in the artists' works and stimulates all the senses to create a unique experience that goes beyond simply viewing a painting.

Source : <https://www.hamburg.com/visitors/explore/arts/port-des-lumieres-1069488>



FROM THE INTERNS DESK

Exploring green pockets in Hamburg and Mumbai

Hey there! I am Ishita Makhija an intern at Hamburg Representation Mumbai. In today's from the Intern's Desk as my 3 months internship comes to an end, I reflect on how the journey has been full of challenges, learning and opportunities.

When I stepped into this role, I expected to contribute to strengthening the relationship between Hamburg and India. What I didn't anticipate, however, was just how much I would learn about international relations, economic collaboration, and business development. This experience has truly broadened my perspective and allowed me to explore areas I hadn't previously considered.

One of the highlights was the opportunity to contribute to *India Week Hamburg 2025*, a culturally rich and engaging event that, for the first time, took place in June instead of the usual November. The change brought in a remarkable turnout and added a fresh energy to the celebrations. Some of the work involved coordination, preparing reports, conducting research, and writing about the evolving relationship between Hamburg and India, crafting and designing social media content, helping to ensure that Hamburg's presence in India was effectively represented. Working with our partners such as the Senate Chancellery, Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, Port of Hamburg, and Hamburg Invest was an invaluable experience that added depth and perspective to my time at Hamburg Representation Mumbai.

I would like to discuss a topic that is particularly important in our world right now. Climate change continues to affect the world in increasingly devastating ways, and one of the simplest yet most effective tools we have to combat it is nature—especially trees. Trees play a vital role in absorbing carbon dioxide emissions produced by vehicles, factories, and other sources. Unfortunately, rapid urbanization often leads to widespread deforestation, compromising nature's ability to protect us from environmental crises.

Hamburg and Mumbai, both port cities with unique identities, share certain similarities in geography and economic significance. However, they differ vastly in their approach to preserving green spaces. Hamburg stands out as a city deeply committed to sustainability and environmental well-being. It was recently recognized as the *European City of Trees* by the European Arboricultural Council (EAC), highlighting its green infrastructure. The city is home to numerous parks and recreational spaces such as Stadtpark, Japanese Garden, Alsterpark, Alter Elbepark, and Altona Balkon, each offering residents and visitors a place to connect with nature. Additionally, Hamburg's beaches and waterfront areas provide scenic spaces to relax and unwind, contributing to a healthier urban lifestyle.

In contrast, while Mumbai does have green pockets and iconic recreational spots like beaches and parks, the sheer population density makes access to such spaces more limited. Prominent green areas include the Hanging Gardens, which recently introduced an eco-friendly elevated treetop walkway inspired by Singapore, offering stunning views of Marine Drive. The Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Borivali is a significant green lung for the city, offering biodiversity and relief from the urban sprawl. Other parks like Shivaji Park, Priyadarshini Park, Kamala Nehru Park, and Joggers Park add to the city's green presence, but they are relatively few for a metropolis of Mumbai's size.

One of the most pressing concerns in Mumbai is deforestation linked to infrastructure projects. The expansion of the Mumbai Metro has led to the felling of thousands of trees, particularly in Aarey, another crucial green zone often referred to as the city's lung. Despite strong public protests to protect this natural area, many trees were lost in the name of progress.

In comparison, Hamburg seems to balance urban development with environmental preservation more effectively. The city offers abundant greenery relative to its population, setting an example of how urban planning can prioritize both growth and sustainability.

Fritz Schumacher played a pivotal role in Hamburg's post-war reconstruction, especially in integrating green spaces into the city's urban planning. Following World War II, as Hamburg underwent extensive rebuilding, the city made trees and parks a priority from the very beginning.

As cities around the world continue to progress and urbanize, striking a balance becomes not just a goal but necessity for the well-being both the planet and its people. As major port cities, Hamburg and Mumbai can lead the change. By fostering collaboration and empowering the youth in both cities, they can raise awareness about climate change and inspire action to address its far-reaching impacts on our lives.

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