

PRESS RELEASE

TECHNI-MAT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN 2026

Kortrijk, 18 November 2025 – The Fair Experts has announced that the planned edition of **Techni-Mat**, the trade fair for construction professionals active in infrastructure and structural work, will not take place in **March 2026**. After a thorough evaluation of the market and the current economic conditions, the organisation has decided to **shift its focus to other projects in the coming years**.

Techni-Mat was launched in 2020 as a specialised platform for building materials and structural engineering techniques. The first editions took place in Kortrijk, and the most recent in 2024 in Ghent. The launch and the second edition fell in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, which had a clear impact on visitor numbers: it remained a challenge to get contractors and construction site managers away from their ongoing projects to visit the trade fair.

Across the three editions, Techni-Mat brought together a regular group of **more than a hundred exhibitors** on average with a **specialised visitor audience**. Although attendance fluctuated due to external circumstances, the **contacts and business discussions** that took place at the fair remained **remarkably high-quality and valuable**.

However, various **market parameters have changed** in recent times, meaning that a new edition in the short term would not be in line with the strategic priorities of our exhibitors and partners.

Despite this challenging context, Techni-Mat developed into a **substantive and highly regarded knowledge platform**. An extensive content programme was put together in close collaboration with partners, federations and experts. The Techni-Mat Awards – *the Sustainability Award and the Technical Award* – also put innovative and sustainable solutions from the sector in the spotlight.

We would therefore like to express our **sincere thanks to all exhibitors, the members of the steering group, our partners and the many visitors** who have supported previous editions. Their trust, expertise and commitment have made Techni-Mat a high-quality meeting place for the construction sector.

*"We are taking this decision with respect for our exhibitors, partners and visitors, who have supported Techni-Mat over the past few years. The expertise we have built up will be retained, and we will continue to focus on developing high-quality B2B platforms that respond as effectively as possible to the needs of the sector," says **Gregory Olszewski**, Managing Director at The Fair Experts.*

Although the concept and the knowledge we have built up remain valuable, **no new edition is planned** for the near future. As always, The Fair Experts will continue to focus on developing **strong B2B platforms** that respond to the needs of the sector. At the same time, we will continue to expand our other trade fairs in the portfolio with the same enthusiasm: MATEXPO, DEMO DAYS, Funeral@Work and Construction Hub.

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About The Fair Experts

The Fair Experts is an expert in organising trade fairs and events. The Fair Experts grew out of the Matexpo trade fair, which has been organised since 1946, making it one of the oldest trade fairs in the country. However, in recent years, the organisation behind Matexpo has expressed its ambition to grow further and diversify its activities. Techni-Mat is a brand of The Fair Experts, which also organises other trade fairs, such as MATEXPO, DEMO DAYS, Funeral@Work and Construction Hub.