# Press Release

## Successful 2019 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest

**Fifty-seven participants, eight countries, four continents – that's the result of the latest EtherCAT Plug Fest, which was conducted by the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) in cooperation with acontis technologies GmbH in the middle of May in Ravensburg, Germany.**

In total 57 participants from 27 different EtherCAT device manufacturers based in eight countries spanning four continents accepted ETG's invitation and brought numerous different devices to the event location in Ravensburg, Germany. The event was hosted by acontis technologies GmbH, one of the leading providers of EtherCAT technology.

Besides testing their own EtherCAT devices in a shared network with those of other manufacturers by using the EtherCAT Conformance Test Tool, the participants had plenty of time to exchange knowledge and ask for advice from the EtherCAT experts on-site. The different masters and lave products led to a balanced ratio of devices and real-life network conditions.

Christoph Widmann, Managing Director at acontis technologies GmbH, sees incredible value in the Plug Fest: "The EtherCAT Plug Fests are the perfect opportunity to test devices and applications in a large network together with other manufacturers. For that reason, acontis has participated in many Plug Fests in the past. As a long-term member of EtherCAT Technology Group, we're extraordinarily happy to host an EtherCAT Plug Fest ourselves."

Florian Hammel, one of the on-site EtherCAT experts, adds: "This Plug Fest met the customary high standard, the atmosphere among the participants was good and the location was perfect to connect the huge number of devices and work efficiently. The positive feedback from the participating device manufacturers confirms the event's continued success."

ETG hosts EtherCAT Plug Fests all over the world several times a year to provide practical, hands-on support for its members during EtherCAT device development.

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## Press picture:



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## Picture caption:
International flair at the 2019 Spring European EtherCAT Plug Fest in Ravensburg, Germany. The ETG and host acontis technologies GmbH welcomed a total of 57 participants from eight countries.

## About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):
The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 5,350 members from 65 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

## About EtherCAT®:
EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, easy to use with a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard since 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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