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Photonics Entrepreneurship Day: Dr. Andreas Nitze participated in interactive panel discussion

150 people from 18 countries attended the Photonics Entrepreneurship Day on 15 September 2014 in Berlin that was organized by Berlin Partner for Business and Technology and the European Photonics Industry Consortium (EPIC) supported by the European Optical Society (EOS), OpTecBB and Berlin Adlershof.

In a panel discussion industry leaders shared their experience of their entrepreneurship journey with the participants.

Dr. Andreas Nitze, CEO of the Berliner Glas Group, took part in the panel. Along with the other panelists – Dr. Björn Wedel, CEO of PT Photonic Tools GmbH, Dr. Milton Chang, Founder of Newport and New Focus as well as CEO of Incubic, Wolfgang Gries, CEO of DirectPhotonics Industries GmbH, and Dr. Thomas Laurent, CTO of eagleyard Photonics GmbH – he spoke about challenges, efforts and typical pitfalls on the road to success and provided prospective founders and entrepreneurs of the photonics industry with valuable advice.

Dr. Andreas Nitze: 'Photonics is a growing market. It is a key enabling technology, an important driver of innovation and offers countless opportunities to committed founders and prospective entrepreneurs. I have been working in the photonics industry for more than 20 years. During these years Berliner Glas Group has grown significantly. Today it is one of the world's leading providers of optical key components, assemblies and systems. I am very pleased that I got the opportunity – as panelist of the Photonics Entrepreneurship Day – to pass on my knowledge and experience and hope that we were able to reassure the entrepreneurs-to-be and to convince them to realize their ideas and to create their own companies.'

The panel discussion was moderated by Carlos Lee, Director General of EPIC who also was very satisfied with the outcome.

About Berliner Glas:

The BERLINER GLAS GROUP (www.berlinerglas.com) is one of the world's leading providers of optical key components, assemblies and systems as well as high-quality refined technical glass. With more than 1,100 employees, BERLINER GLAS develops, produces and integrates optics, mechanics and electronics into innovative system solutions for its customers. As OEM partners from prototyping to volume production, the BERLINER GLAS GROUP companies serve innovative customers in various market segments - semiconductor industry, medical technology, metrology, laser and space technology, analytics, defense and the display industry.

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