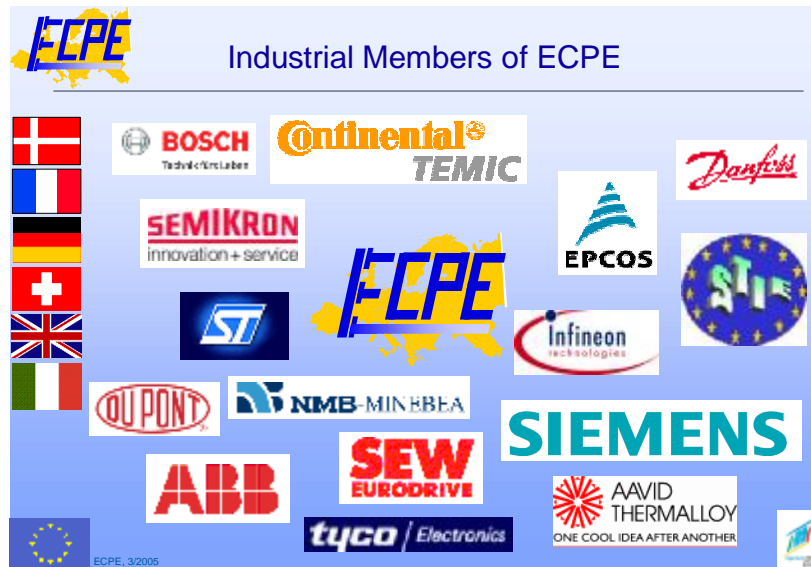


ECPE now officially EUROPEAN Center for Power Electronics

The ECPE association founded in April 2003 as “ECPE **Engineering** Center for Power Electronics e.V.” changed its name to “ECPE **European** Center for Power Electronics e.V.”. After the decision of the General Meeting, the amendment of the statute of ECPE e.V. became legally effective with the entry in the register of associations on 9 February 2005.



By changing the name into European Center for Power Electronics, ECPE continues on the way to establish a European Research Network for Power Electronics. For the ECPE Board as well as for the General Manager, this is stimulus and motivation to intensify and expand the contacts to industries and to leading university institutes and research centers in Europe.

To become more attractive for smaller companies as well, ECPE introduced a special membership status for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with a reduced membership fee and weighted voting rights in the General Meeting of ECPE e.V. The SME criteria are defined according to the valid definition from the European Commission: no. of employees < 250, and annual turnover / balance sheet total < 50 mio. € / 43 mio. €, and independence (max. 25% under control of non-SME).

Furthermore, a membership status for associations has been introduced with a reduced membership fee but without voting rights in the General Meeting of the association.