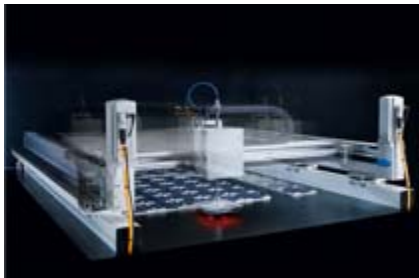


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\*image 1



\*image 2

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## Social network for photovoltaics launches ideas contest

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The Festo Engineering Network simplifies contacts between leading manufacturers of photovoltaic solutions and scientists from the Fraunhofer ISE and CSE. Network members develop new ideas for the future of the solar industry in closed workgroups. A database provides up-to-date industry know-how such as sample applications, reports and studies, which members can download free of charge.

As part of the launch activities for the online platform, the Festo Engineering Network has announced an ideas contest with attractive prizes, for example a flight in a hot-air balloon or an airship. Participants can submit ideas about standardization of interfaces, photovoltaic standards for cell production, cost reductions, safety and

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**\*image 1:** One of the solutions offered by the Festo Engineering Network: the contactless high-speed H-portal for photovoltaic applications beats all existing speed records. It's 30% faster than any conventional Cartesian handling unit – with comparable procurement costs.

**\*image 2:** Finding new solutions together - with the opportunities now offered by the Festo Engineering Network.

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