

Early-bird registration opens for ETW 2026 as Porto momentum builds

With registration now open for the 2nd European Tape Week, at discounted rates valid through 15 May 2026, Afera is also releasing the 2025 Conference + Joint Session proceedings to Members and reporting record sponsorship support for this year's event.

As the European adhesive tape industry continues to navigate increasing complexity — from regulatory pressure and supply chain volatility to rising cost and competitiveness challenges — the need for alignment, insight and connection across the value chain has never been greater.

Against that backdrop, Afera has officially opened [early-bird registration](#) for the [2nd European Tape Week \(ETW 2026\)](#), taking place 21–25 September 2026 at the [Pestana Douro Riverside in Porto, Portugal](#). Discounted rates are available until 15 May 2026.



Bringing together the 12th Tape College, the 69th Annual Conference, Committee Meetings and the [new Tabletop Exhibition](#), the event continues to evolve as the central meeting point for the European tape industry — a place where technical expertise, strategic discussion and business interaction come together in one integrated format.

Following the strong debut of the concept in 2025, the Porto edition is already shaping up as a more mature and strategically focused gathering. The [Annual Conference programme](#) in particular reflects this shift. Rather than looking at the industry in isolation, it is being built around the broader forces shaping the tape value chain today: resilience, competitiveness, sustainability, regulation and the wider economic and geopolitical context.

This broader perspective is not incidental — it reflects a clear reality. Tape businesses are no longer operating in a stable, predictable environment. Decision-making increasingly requires a combination of technical understanding, market insight and strategic positioning. ETW 2026 is designed to support exactly that.

At the same time, the integrated format of European Tape Week remains a key differentiator. By combining education, strategy, [Association work](#) and networking in one setting, Afera offers a platform that mirrors how the industry actually operates across functions and across the value chain. With more than 200 expected participants — including decision-makers, technical experts and industry leaders — and the addition of the Tabletop Exhibition, the event further strengthens its role as both a knowledge hub and a business platform.

Releasing the 2025 Conference + Joint Session proceedings

Alongside the opening of registration, Afera has released the [proceedings from the 2025 Annual Conference and Joint Session on Sustainability and Regulation](#) in the Members-only section of [afera.com](#).

The timing is deliberate. Making last year's content available now creates a clear bridge between the first and second European Tape Week. It allows Members to revisit key insights, while also highlighting how the conversation is evolving as the 2026 programme takes shape around today's most pressing industry challenges. More than a Member benefit, this step reinforces continuity and underlines Afera's role in supporting ongoing knowledge development across the industry.

Sponsor support reaches a new high

Industry support for ETW 2026 continues to grow. Mondi and Indafor, a Mativ brand, have joined as Gold Sponsors, contributing to what is already a record level of sponsorship for the event.

The current sponsor line-up includes Platinum Sponsors [H.B. Fuller Europe GmbH](#), [Valco Melton](#) and [Loparex](#), alongside Gold Sponsors [TS Converting Equipment Ltd](#), [Synthomer Deutschland GmbH](#), [Ichemco](#), [Henkel](#), [Sekisui Alveo AG](#), [BASF](#), [Mondi](#) and [Indafor](#). Additional support is provided by [Organik Kimya](#) (lanyards), [Bostik](#) (tote bags) and H.B. Fuller (notepads and pens).

This breadth of support reflects strong industry confidence in the European Tape Week concept and in the value it delivers as a platform for visibility, connection and exchange.

With early-bird registration now open, last year's proceedings newly available and sponsorship support at its highest level to date, ETW 2026 is clearly building on last year's foundation — not simply as a follow-up to Thessaloniki, but as a more established and strategically relevant meeting point for the European adhesive tape industry.

Further Information

- [European Tape Week website](#)
- [ETW Programme](#)
- [Tabletop Exhibition](#)
- [Annual Conference 2025 Proceedings \(Members only\)](#)
- [Sponsorship Brochure](#)

