



To Photonics21 Secretariat
via eMail: secretariat@photonics21.org

Dear Photonics21 Secretariat,

We herewith submit the nomination of the following Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders candidate
SPECTARIS e. V. / Dr. Wenko Süptitz.

**- Letter of Nomination -
Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders
Election 2024**

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1. Full legal name of the affiliation nominated as BoS Member (candidate's organisation):

SPECTARIS – German Industry Association for Optics, Photonics, Analytical and Medical Technologies e. V.

2. Full contact details of the affiliation (street, postal code, country) nominated as BoS Member and invoice address *(In accordance with the Terms of Reference §5, which the Affiliation acknowledges having received, an Annual Service fee will be invoiced every year during the first quarter to the BoS Member. By signing the present letter, the BoS candidate agrees to pay this Membership Fee. The Fee will be considered an asset of the Photonics 21 AISBL in accordance with its statutes (article 12b).)*

Werderscher Markt 15
10117 Berlin
Germany

3. Name of the suggested BoS Representative (the personal candidate)

Dr. Wenko Süptitz

4. Information about the BoS candidate and the BoS representative

a) Description of the activities and information about the expected contribution and value added the nominated BoS member (candidate's organisation) will bring to the BoS¹

SPECTARIS promotes the interests of the photonics industry and academia across a range of communication channels and is an active liaison body to government agencies, industry, research and the media. The association's market reports and industry data create a tangible basis for business decisions.

SPECTARIS with more than 400 corporate members supports the photonics community at international trade fairs and business trips. Country-specific seminars provide key information on entering promising international markets. The association actively supports companies of the photonics industry in attracting national and European funding, such as from the EU framework program Horizon Europe. SPECTARIS promotes Photonics as the key technology of the century inside and outside of the industry by giving presentations and writing popular books like "Photonics infographics".

In the BoS, SPECTARIS is going to be an active member of the European photonics community by establishing links between partners from industry and academia and by making the impact and benefits of the photonics industry visible to European and national politics, using the wide professional network of the association.

¹ The candidate is aware and accepts that according to the Photonics21 Terms of Reference (§ 5 (10) a membership fee - as determined by the General Assembly of the Association - needs to be paid to the Photonics21 association.

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SPECTARIS brings the voice of many SMEs to Photonics21. Those smaller companies often don't have the manpower to send representatives to the meetings, but in total their contribution to the European photonics industry is significant and innovative. SPECTARIS is running several initiatives in the areas sustainability, health and future mobility, which help to match photonics research topics with the agenda of the European Union.

SPECTARIS has actively supported the reposition of Photonics21 on the PPP candidate list of the European commission. Activities included meetings in person with executives of the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Research and Education, several letters to the decision makers and more.

- b)** Description of the activities and information about expected contribution and value added the BoS Representative (candidate / person) will bring to the BoS.

Dr. Wenko Süptitz is the Head of the Photonics Division of the German Industry Association SPECTARIS.

After three years as Associate Research Scientist at University of Connecticut and Yale (USA), he started his career in the optical industry as a Sales and Export Manager at Linos Photonics in Goettingen/Germany (now Qioptics Photonics) in 1998. He held managing positions at Jenoptik, Schneider Optical Machines and Direct Photonics Industries. In 2013, Wenko Süptitz accepted the position as Head of Photonics at the German industry association SPECTARIS where he is responsible of the joint activities of some 180 German companies in the field of photonics.

In the BoS he will contribute to the industry perspective of photonics based on a wide network in laser technologies, optical components and advanced manufacturing as well as connections to German and European politics what all together will be the solid background to promote and strengthen the key enabling technology photonics in Europe.

Wenko Süptitz holds a diploma in Physics and a PhD in Laser physics from the Humboldt University Berlin. Postgradually, he earned a Master of Business and Engineering (MBE) from the Steinbeis University Berlin.

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