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Elektor turned 60 this year. To mark this occasion, we have put together a very special edition of *Elektor Industry* that actually contains three magazines in one — 60 Years of Electronics and Elektor, productronica 2021, and WEEF 2021 — which is also reflected in the design of our cover.

Over the past six decades, Elektor has chronicled and contributed to electronics history, from the beginnings of the tube age to our networked world in which artificial intelligence is used in many cases to manage data streams. In the main part of this issue, we travel from the early 1960s to the year 2021. Well-known Elektor authors and colleagues (current and former) have their say as well as successful entrepreneurs and engineers, all of whom have been enthusiastic about electronics for many years and are experts in their fields.

What are you doing from November 16 to 19? A trip to production in Munich would definitely be worth your time. The chip crisis and efficient hardware production will be important topics this year (see our articles starting on page 91). However, sustainability, climate protection and ethical issues are also increasingly playing a role, especially in production. Together with productronica and the magazine *Elektronikpraxis*, Elektor is organizing the pioneer edition of the World Ethical Electronics Forum (see page 119 onwards). We would like to cordially invite you to attend the exciting lectures and interesting technical discussions!



At productronica — and online — members of the global electronics community will have the opportunity to find out about the productronica fast forward 2021 start-up finalists. The awards ceremony will take place on November 18, 2021, at the show. Visit www.elektormagazine.com/p-fast-forward-2021 for more information.

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