

SEPTEMBER, 24
**FROM IDEA TO SCALE-UP:
START-UPS, INNOVATION,
AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**

RESTART

AGENDA

Moderator: Tina Knop

Language: English & German with simultaneous interpretation provided by Radiozeit GmbH

09:30 AM | **REGISTRATION**

10:00 AM | **OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME ADDRESS (DE)**

- **Agnes von Matuschka**
CEO Potsdam Science Park – Standortmanagement Golm GmbH
- **Noosha Aubel**
Mayor of the City of Potsdam
- **Prof. Oliver Günther, PhD.**
President of the University of Potsdam

10:15 AM | **KEYNOTE (EN)**

**From Personal Motivation to Global Ambition:
Building a Deep-Tech Startup in Drug Development**

Ghazaleh Madani
CEO and founder CanChip GmbH

10:30 AM | **PANEL DISCUSSION (DE)**

Erfolgreich skalieren: von Brandenburg in die Welt

- **Robert Förster**
COO and Co-Owner, Radiozeit GmbH
- **Benjamin Heese**
CEO and founder, Sensithaptics
- **MD Ben M.W. Illigens**
CEO, D4L data4life gGmbH
- **Christoph Miethke**
CEO and Founder, Christoph Miethke GmbH & Co. KG

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11:10 AM | STARTUP PITCH: PIONEERS OF INNOVATION AND IMPACT (DE&EN)

- kez.biosolutions GmbH
- Renatrix
- Synthura - Sustainable Bio-Based Plastics for Industry
- Yeda by CoreCreation GmbH
- Arterial Intelligence GmbH

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12:00 PM | PHOTO SESSION

12:15 PM | SPEED DATING

Structured 2-minute conversations with participant rotation

12:45 PM | LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

1:30 PM | INSIGHT TALKS

Enabling innovation through networks and entrepreneurship (DE&EN)

- Nico Alavi, Co-MD National Nucleate Germany
- [From Science to Startup \(EN\)](#)
Hannah Payette Peterson, JUNI – Just Unite to Innovate
- [From Lab to Launch: Startup Support for Researchers \(EN\)](#)
Johannes Zier, Head of Startup Service, University of Potsdam
- [Havel Valley Community \(DE\)](#)
Lars Schulze, Co-founder Whaaat AI & Initiator Havel Valley

2:00 PM | FIRESIDE CHAT

Speakers will be announced soon

2:15 PM | INPUT SESSION (DE)

[exist Startup-Factories – Nukleus für mehr Deep Tech-Gründungen in Deutschland?](#)

Oliver Hunke

Leiter Referat Innovative Gründungen, Internationalisierung von Start-ups,
Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie

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**Finanzierungsstrategien für Start-ups:
Perspektiven von VCs und Business Angels**

- **Anna Wanderwitz**
Managing Director, Blueberry Walnut GmbH, BACB
- **Thilo Veil**
Business Angel, CEO T VENTURES-BERLIN
- **Dr Inga Köhler**
Healthcare Frauen (HCF) e.V.
- **Dr Christian Kannemeier**
High-Tech Gründerfonds Management GmbH (HTGF)

3:15 PM | **COFFEE BREAK**

3:40 PM | **VOICES OF THE EXPERTS (DE&EN)**

5-minute introductory talks introducing the parallel breakout sessions

- **From Idea to Scale-up: What Investors Look for in Future Champions (EN)**
Tobias Wittich, Business Angel of the Year 2025
- **Strategic Partnerships: A Key to Startup Success (DE)**
Thilo Veil, T VENTURES-BERLIN
- **Boost your Growth! (EN)**
Dr Boris Karcher, Dimler&Karcher
- **The Voice of Startups: Advocating for Better Exit Conditions**
Benjamin Heese, Spokesperson for Brandenburg at the German Startup Association

4:00 PM | **Q&A WITH EXPERTS**

Four parallel breakout sessions:

- A) Q&A with Tobias Wittich, Business Angel of the Year 2025 (EN)
- B) Q&A with Thilo Veil, T VENTURES-BERLIN (DE)
- C) Q&A with Dr Boris Karcher, Dimler&Karcher (EN)
- D) Q&A with Benjamin Heese, Spokesperson for Brandenburg
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4:30 PM | **Q&A RECAP IN PLENARY**

STARTUP PITCH AWARD CEREMONY
CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS

5:00 PM | **NETWORKING**