



Potsdam International Forum

May 25-26

Innovation Hubs for Regional Development

Experiences, Challenges, Solutions



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs of the State of Brandenburg and the Potsdam Science Park Location Management are pleased to announce the Potsdam International Forum »Innovation Hubs for Regional Development: Experiences, Challenges, Solutions« on May 25-26, 2023 at the Potsdam Science Park in Potsdam, Germany.

Innovation hubs play a key role in the development of regions by bringing together science and business, often providing the environment for the creation of new innovative companies. Against the background of the new innovation strategy of the European Union, the »Potsdam International Forum« serves as a platform to explore collaboration opportunities of science parks across Europe in the context of recent policy initiatives.

Share your ideas and get to know different approaches about facilitating innovation and connect with your peers. Take the opportunity to conjoin experience and knowledge to foster international visibility of regional European science and innovation landscapes and start-up eco-systems.

The »Potsdam International Forum« brings together decision makers and experts developing and managing science parks and innovation hubs, as well as partners from the public sector, the private sector and non-profit organizations. The two-day-event aims to foster exchange between policy makers and practitioners actively orchestrating innovation hubs and building ecosystems in science parks and beyond.

Together, we will take into focus practical approaches, strategies and integrated toolkits for developing and managing innovation hubs within their particular environment. Based on shared experiences, participants will identify common or unique challenges and pinpoint solutions. We will prototype interfaces for future collaboration or joint projects to address challenges together.

Hosts

The Potsdam International Forum is organized by the Brandenburg Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs, Germany and the Potsdam Science Park – Location Management, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH.

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Conference language: English.

PROGRAM

Day 1 | May 25, 2023

Moderator: Dr Jukka Viitanen

12:00 Registration & Light Lunch

13:00 Welcome by

Orchestrating a Regional Innovation Hub in Brandenburg:
The Potsdam Science Park – Achievements and Challenges

Prof. Oliver Günther, PhD
President, University of Potsdam

Agnes von Matuschka
CEO, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Potsdam Science Park

13:15 Key Notes – Science Parks as Drivers in the European Innovation Landscape

A New European Innovation Agenda – A Regional Policy Perspective

Dr Wolfgang Münch
European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit ‘Smart and Sustainable Growth’

Innovation and the Role of Science Parks – Driving European Innovation Ecosystems

Dr Xabier Goenaga Beldarrain
European Commission, Joint Research Center (JRC),
Head of Unit ‘Innovation Policies and Economic Impact’

Reinforcing our International Dimension – Trends and Challenges
of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation

Ebba Lund
CEO, International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation IASP

Transnational European Cooperations of Innovation Ecosystems – Successful Project

Prof. Taina Tukiainen
Research Director, Prof. for Sustainability, Corporate Entrepreneurship
and Innovation, University of Vaasa, Finland

Discussion

14:30 Coffee Break & Networking (group picture in front of conference center)

15:15 Learn & Cooperate: Division into Thematic Working Groups

A Driving Science Park Ecosystems and Communities – Best Practice Tools and Methods to Support Highly Adaptable Innovation-Centered Communities

Ignite Talk: **Mieke de Bruin** – Community Manager, Utrecht Science Park, The Netherlands

Ignite Talk: **Dr Jernej Pintar** – CEO & Head of Tech Community at Technology Park Ljubljana, Slovenia

Facilitator: **Dr Grazia Annunziata** – Potsdam Science Park, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Germany

B Soft Landing Programs and Their Success Factors – Attractive Services for Start-Ups, SMEs and Scientific Institutes in Regional and Interregional Contexts

Ignite Talk: **Fredrik Larsson** – Digital Strategist & Communication Manager, Linköping Science Park, Sweden

Ignite Talk: **Ferran Huidobro Casamitjana** – International Project Manager, Parque Tecno Campus Mataró-Maresme, Spain

Facilitator: **Ilka Mai** – Potsdam Science Park, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Germany

C Orchestrating Dynamic Innovation Hubs – Science Parks as Part of Regional and Interregional Innovation Systems

Ignite Talk: **Dr Jukka Viitanen** – leading expert in managing the innovation platforms, Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland & CEO, Resolute HQ Inc.

Ignite Talk: **Dr Xabier Goenaga Beldarrain** European Commission, Joint Research Center (JRC), Head of Unit ‘Innovation Policies and Economic Impact’

Facilitator: **Christin Skiera**, Policy Officer, State Chancellery Brandenburg, Germany

D Green Shift to Sustainability – Science Parks as Model Scenarios for Designing a Sustainable Future

Ignite Talk: **Dr Justyna Adamska**
Deputy Director, Poznan Science and Technology Park, Poland

Ignite Talk: **Fabio Morea**
Head of Sustainability and Mobility Manager, Area Science Park, Trieste, Italy

Facilitator: **Angelika von Pressentin**
User-based Climate Protection Management, University of Potsdam, Germany

17:30 Sum-up

17:40 End of Sessions Day 1

18:30 Get Together & Networking Dinner (prior registration only)

Welcome: **Reiner Kneifel-Haverkamp**, Director General for European and International Affairs, Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs of the State of Brandenburg, Germany

Dinner Speech: **Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jörg Steinbach**, Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Energy of the State of Brandenburg, Germany

PROGRAM

Day 2 | May 26, 2023

Moderator: Dr Jukka Viitanen

9:00 Welcome Note

Agnes von Matuschka

CEO, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Potsdam Science Park

Jobst-Hinrich Ubbelohde

State Secretary for European Affairs,

Brandenburg Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs, Germany

9:10 Working Groups Workshops A-D – Continuation of Idea Maps

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Presentation of Results/Project and Identified Cooperation Ideas

by each working group

11:30 Sum-up – Plenary Discussion

Ebba Lund

CEO, International Association of Science Park and Areas of Innovation IASP

Markku Markkula

President of the Helsinki Region, Finland

Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions

Agnes von Matuschka

CEO, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Potsdam Science Park, Germany

Prof. Taina Tukiainen

Research Director, Prof. for Sustainability, Corporate Entrepreneurship
and Innovation, University of Vaasa, Finland

Moderator: Dr Jukka Viitanen

12:30 Light Lunch

13:00 End of Conference

May 25 | 19:00

GET TOGETHER & NETWORKING DINNER

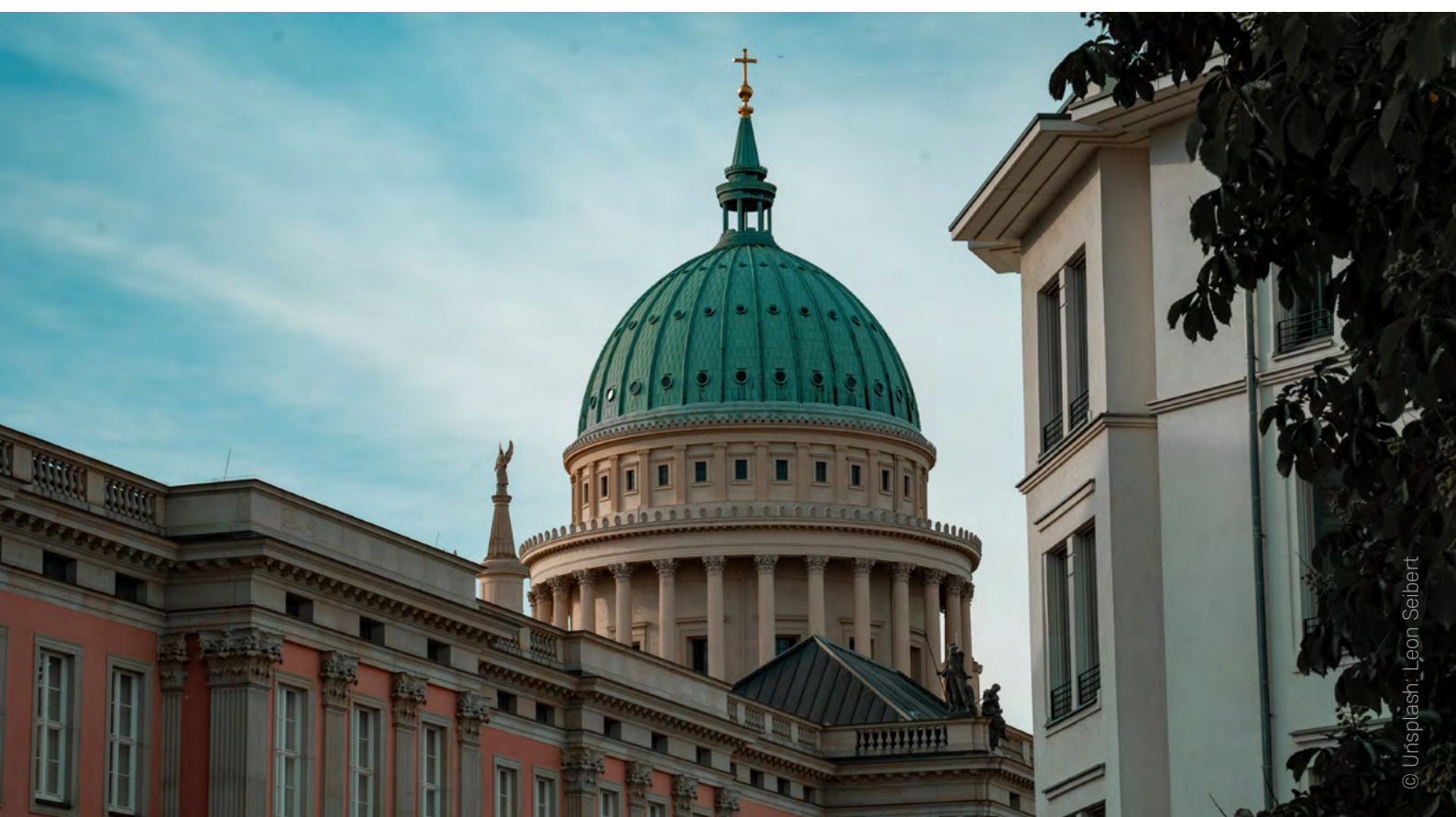
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Dinner Speech Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jörg Steinbach

Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Energy
of the State of Brandenburg, Germany

Venue: tba, near the Potsdam City Centre

Please note that places at the networking dinner are limited. Registration in advance is obligatory. You will receive an individual confirmation by email.



WORKSHOPS

A

Driving Science Park Ecosystems and Communities – Best Practice Tools and Methods to Support Highly Adaptable Innovation-Centered Communities

Building dynamic communities and strengthening linkages between all players – including universities, research institutions, startups, large companies, specialised service providers and their employees – is considered a cross-cutting key success factor for the development of sciences parks. Unlocking the potential of complex partner networks requires specific skills, tools and processes, which will be addressed in this workshop. Participants will reflect how dynamic communities can be built and how they can contribute to creating an inspiring working atmosphere, stimulating collaborative innovation activities, gaining access to resource networks and attracting talent and investment. Particular emphasis will be on discussing concrete tools and formats that have proven effective and could be jointly refined or complemented.

Ignite Talks

[Utrecht Science Park – It's Key Role in the Utrecht Eco System](#)

Mieke de Bruin – Utrecht Science Park, The Netherlands

[Communities Are a Waste of Time](#)

Dr Jernej Pintar – Technology Park Ljubljana, Slovenia

Facilitator: Dr Grazia Annunziata

B

Soft Landing Programs and Their Success Factors – Attractive Services for Startups, SMEs and Scientific Institutes in Regional and Interregional Contexts

International experience shows that soft-landing schemes are well received by startups, SMEs and large companies. At the same time, the exposure and cooperation with other innovation hubs contributes towards strengthening the capacities and contact networks of science park management organizations. Against that background, the discussion in this workshop will centre on recent and emerging trends in designing soft-landing schemes to identify promising opportunities for collaboration between the participants. Options for widening the scope of soft-landing schemes will be jointly explored. Amongst others, this relates to shifting the focus towards project-oriented support and mobilising the potential of large companies, universities and research institutions, e.g. for mentorship programs.

Ignite Talks

[Soft Landing Platforms as a Way to Access the Right Skills and New Technology](#)

Fredrik Larsson – Linköping Science Park, Sweden

[Softlanding Resilience – Successfully Steering Through a Pandemic](#)

Ferran Huidobro Casamitjana – Parque TecnoCampus Mataró-Maresme, Spain

Facilitator: Ilka Mai

C

Orchestrating Innovation Hubs – Science Parks as Drivers of Innovation Systems

The development of science parks and innovation systems relies upon a collaborative approach across different departments, administrative levels and stakeholder groups, which requires efficient and dynamic coordination processes. Drawing on an exchange of experience between participants from e.g. ministries, local administrations, academia, companies, park management and economic development organizations, this workshop aims at identifying common design principles and innovative practices to orchestrate innovation hubs. In a working session, participants will map their innovation systems to identify and share promising policies and formats to foster and orchestrate cross-sector collaboration. The workshop will focus on the regional and interregional level and in particular on Metropolitan areas.

Ignite Talks & Input

Dr Jukka Viitanen – leading expert innovation platforms, Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland

Steffen Terberl – »Zukunftsorte Berlin«, WISTA Management GmbH, Germany

Xabier Goenaga Beldarrain – Joint Research Center (JRC), European Commission

Facilitator: Christin Skiera

D

Green Shift to Sustainability – Science Parks as Model Scenarios for Designing a Sustainable Future

Science parks can play an important role in the green transition by harnessing and leveraging synergies between several actors. Experts agree that this requires a comprehensive approach encompassing different dimensions which will be addressed in this workshop. To explore ideas for future collaborative initiatives, one key focus will be on measures to reduce the carbon footprint of science parks and their tenants – e.g. with sustainable mobility, renewable energy and smart water management solutions. In addition, participants will discuss how the transition towards a low carbon and circular economy can be aided and fast-tracked by providing targeted incubation programmes and innovation support as part of the parks' service portfolio. The workshop will conclude with a look at how the identified options can be implemented taking into account the organisational and financing dimension of science parks.

Ignite Talks

[ESG in Poznan Science and Technology Park](#)

Dr Justyna Adamska – Poznan Science and Technology Park, Poland

[Transforming Science and Technology Parks for Sustainability: What, Why & How](#)

Fabio Morea – Area Science Park, Trieste, Italy

Facilitator: Angelika von Pressentin

EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Dr Wolfgang Münch

European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit 'Smart and Sustainable Growth'

Wolfgang Münch is Deputy Head of Unit in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policies of the European Commission. He works in the areas of Smart and Sustainable Growth. Wolfgang filled several other positions in this Directorate General such as for programme negotiations and monitoring for Italy and Malta and before for Poland, overseeing major projects, thematic coordination and policy development. He started his career in the European Commission in the field of agricultural policy and accession negotiations. Wolfgang holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Göttingen.



Dr Xabier Goenaga Beldarrain

European Commission, Joint Research Center (JRC),
Head of Unit 'Innovation Policies and Economic Impact'

Dr Xabier Goenaga Beldarrain leads the development of the JRC's Partnerships for Regional Innovation initiative (PRI) in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions, the European Parliament and EU cities, regions and Member States. PRIs are transformative innovation policies that build on positive experiences with smart specialisation strategies to address the fragmentation of funding instruments and policies in territories wishing to accelerate the green and digital transitions. He also leads the development of a new model, FIDELIO, that for the first time will allow to evaluate the sectoral impact (56 sectors) of EU, Member States and Regional policies. He also leads the development of a system for the monitoring of the allocation of funding from different EU programmes to the same themes at the regional level.



INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS



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Dr Justyna Adamska

Deputy Director of Poznan Science and Technology Park, Poland

Manager, consultant and expert in the field of innovation, EU projects and development of business support centres, linking entrepreneurs with academics in the field of innovation. Expert in modern communication and project management. Experienced in managing national and international projects related to the development of entrepreneurship and innovation centres. Certified Innovation Coach and trainer in marketing, business and innovation. PhD in economics from the University of Economics in Poznań. Author and co-author of numerous publications on innovation and business support centres.



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Mieke de Bruin

Community Manager, Utrecht Science Park, The Netherlands

Utrecht Science Park is the biggest science park of the Netherlands and is still growing rapidly. For several years in a row, Utrecht has been identified as (one of the) most competitive regions in Europe. Mieke became involved in the Utrecht Science Park Netherlands project very early on. In First as a project manager and after the establishment of the Foundation in 2012 as a sustainability program manager. As part of the team she contributes to the development of the Utrecht Scienc Park, especially in the field of community building, environmental vision and lobby. This is reflected in numerous projects and activities in the field of local, regional and European cooperation.



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BA in Law and MA in International Relations and European Studies, experienced in the field of Business internationalization and currently International Project Manager at TecnoCampus Technology Park in Spain. My role is to represent TecnoCampus internationally, but also to support our companies in their International growth through the organization of Webinars, Networking Events, Matchmaking, Business Missions and building a thriving softlanding network with partners from all around the world.



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Fredrik Larsson

Digital Strategist & Communication Manager, Linköping Science Park, Sweden

Fredrik Larsson has worked for over 15 years in marketing and communication. His experience extends from the world of consulting to banking and insurance to today come together in a commitment to innovation and development of society. Since 2017, Fredrik has been the communications manager and digital strategist for Linköping Science Park. He works with his team to communicate and develop Linköping Science Park's business, brand and activities.





Ebba Lund

CEO, International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation IASP

Ebba Lund is Chief Executive Officer of the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP), a non-profit knowledge-based organization where she supports a global membership of science & technology parks, innovation districts and other spaces of innovation in 78 countries.

With 20 years' experience in the industry of innovation ecosystems Ebba is responsible for overseeing all facets of the organization, driving the mission, operations, and engagement with the board of directors, as well as being key in handling international network relations and knowledge-based services for innovation spaces worldwide.

She also has extensive experience in event management, having led the organisation of more than 20 world conferences. Ebba Lund holds an MA in Media Studies from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and an Executive MBA from IE Business School, Madrid, Spain. Originally from Denmark, Ebba is based in Málaga, Spain, since 2002.



Markku Markkula

President of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, Finland

Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions

Markku Markkula is the President of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region Finland. He is Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), having been the CoR President in 2015-2017. His professional experience focuses on knowledge creation, lifelong learning, societal innovations, and change management.

Markku Markkula has many influential roles in the EU policy, including the CoR Rapporteur on important opinions such as innovation, digitalization, research policy, industrial renaissance, start-ups, SDGs and climate. Most recently, he is the CoR Rapporteur on European Missions and New European Innovation Agenda. He has worked for years as the Advisor to the Aalto University Presidents and as the Director of Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli at the Helsinki University of Technology. He has been a Member of Parliament of Finland 1995-2003. As an MP, his international role included the Presidency of EPTA Council, European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network.



Fabio Morea

Head of Sustainability Unit, Mobility Manager

Area Science Park, Trieste, Italy

Fabio Morea is the head of the Sustainability Unit and Mobility Manager at Area Science Park, a large Science and Technology Park located in Trieste, Italy. With two decades of experience in innovation, sustainable energy, and circular economy projects, Fabio has been involved in international projects under the Horizon programme, the design of renewable energy systems, energy audits in the residential and industrial sectors, and the development of Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs).





Dr Jernej Pintar

CEO & Head of Tech Community at Technology Park Ljubljana, Slovenia

Community builder, creativity + connecting of high-impact people, also music and hiking. For over a decade Jernej has been a jury member of a national competition for fastest growing company ('The Golden Gazelle'). As a community builder he has constructed several communities that are still growing and due to his energy and know-how he became known as 'Doc Dynamite'. He is an author of several best-reader articles and of a book on public-private partnerships. Jernej Pintar has pursued his education at United World College in Norway, LSE, University of Edinburgh and a PhD at University of Ljubljana.



Steffen Terberl

Head of the Business Office "Zukunftsorte Berlin"
WISTA Management GmbH, Germany

Steffen Terberl has been Head of the Business Office "Zukunftsorte Berlin" since March 2022. "Zukunftsorte" are locations in Berlin that practice the exchange of business, research, and technology institutions to promote the innovation of the regional economy. His function is to represent and connect all "Zukunftsorte" under a common brand in politics and in committees as well as in society. Previously, he spent eleven years at Freie Universität Berlin heading the knowledge and technology transfer.



Prof Taina Tukiainen

Research Director, Prof. for Sustainability, Corporate Entrepreneurship and Innovation, University of Vaasa, Finland

Prof. Taina Tukiainen was a cabinet member of the President of European Committee of the Region from 2015-2019. Now she is an expert and adviser in EU and the Mission Board Member of the the Adaptation to Climate Change in EC. As a profession, she is Research Director at Vaasa University and has academic prof. position of Sustainability, Corporate Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Previously, she has been prof. at Aalto, visiting research fellow at Stanford, MIT and Witten-Herdecke. She has worked several years in the industries; at Nokia, ministries and universities and has a passion towards green, digital, energy, sustainability and innovation.



Dr Jukka Viitanen MODERATOR

CEO, Resolute HQ Inc. & leading expert in managing the innovation platforms, Helsinki, Uusimaa, Finland

Dr. Jukka Viitanen has extensive international experience in planning and managing innovation platforms for global excellence. He has served organizations in Asia and Oceania and participated in founding various innovation institutions. Dr. Viitanen set up Resolute HQ Inc. in 2016 to develop innovation programs for digitalizing regions and platforms. He has been active in developing the regional startup ecosystems, innovation hubs and industrial platforms worldwide has acted as a Lead Expert and Principal Consultant in preparing the National Roadmap for the Platform Economy for the Government of Finland and has been invited to various expert teams.

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Jobst-Hinrich Ubbelohde

State Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs of the State of Brandenburg

State Secretary for Europe since the end of 2019 in the Ministry of Finance and for European Affairs of the State of Brandenburg. He is also Commissioner for Brandenburg-Polish relations. He studied Law in Freiburg im Breisgau and Münster and started working for the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Transport of the State of Brandenburg afterwards. He became Head of the Department of General Policy Matters in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Federal State Planning in 2013.



Prof. Oliver Günther, PhD

President of the University of Potsdam

Professor Oliver Günther has been President of the University of Potsdam since 2012. Since 2020 he has also served as Vice President for Governance and Academic Affairs of the German Rectors' Conference. From 1993 to 2011 he was Professor of Information Systems at Humboldt University in Berlin, since 2005 also Dean of the Faculty of Economics. Professor Günther has also taught at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, ESMT Paris, the University of Cape Town, and at FAW Ulm. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Computer Science from UC Berkeley (1985/87) and a Diploma in Industrial Engineering from the University of Karlsruhe (1984). His research is focusing on IT strategy, IT efficiency, data protection, and information security.



Agnes von Matuschka

CEO, Standortmanagement Golm GmbH, Potsdam Science Park

Agnes von Matuschka has been managing Standortmanagement Golm GmbH at Potsdam Science Park, the largest growing science park in Brandenburg, since 2018. She graduated from FU Berlin with a degree in biology and began her career at the European Commission in Brussels. At TU Berlin, she headed the start-up service and co-founded the Center for Entrepreneurship in 2010. Here she accompanied more than 100 technology-oriented start-ups and established an incubator program as well as new networks with investors and industry..

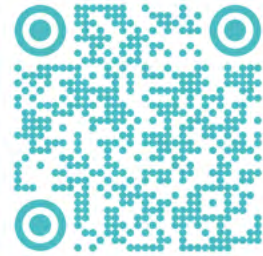


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By Bike

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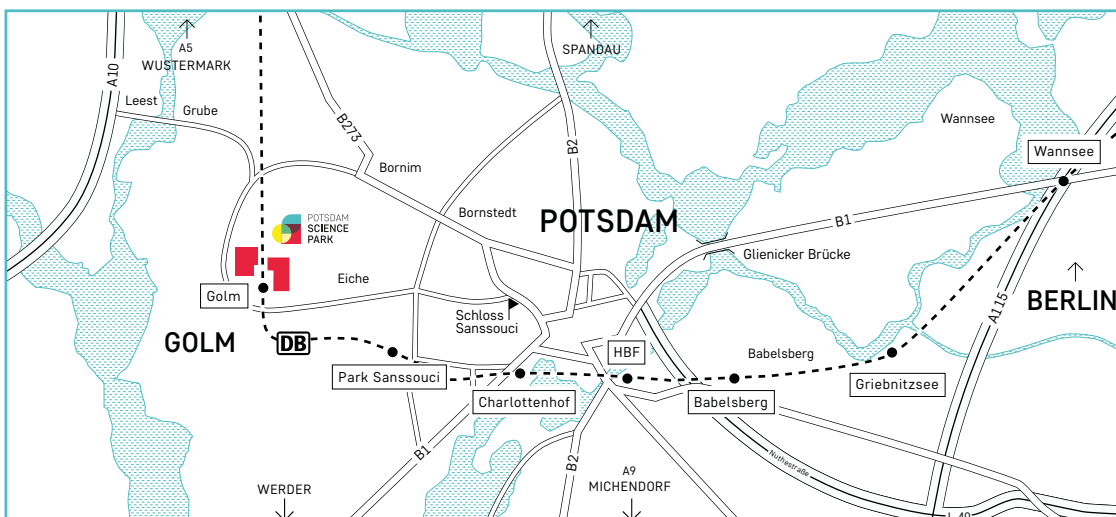
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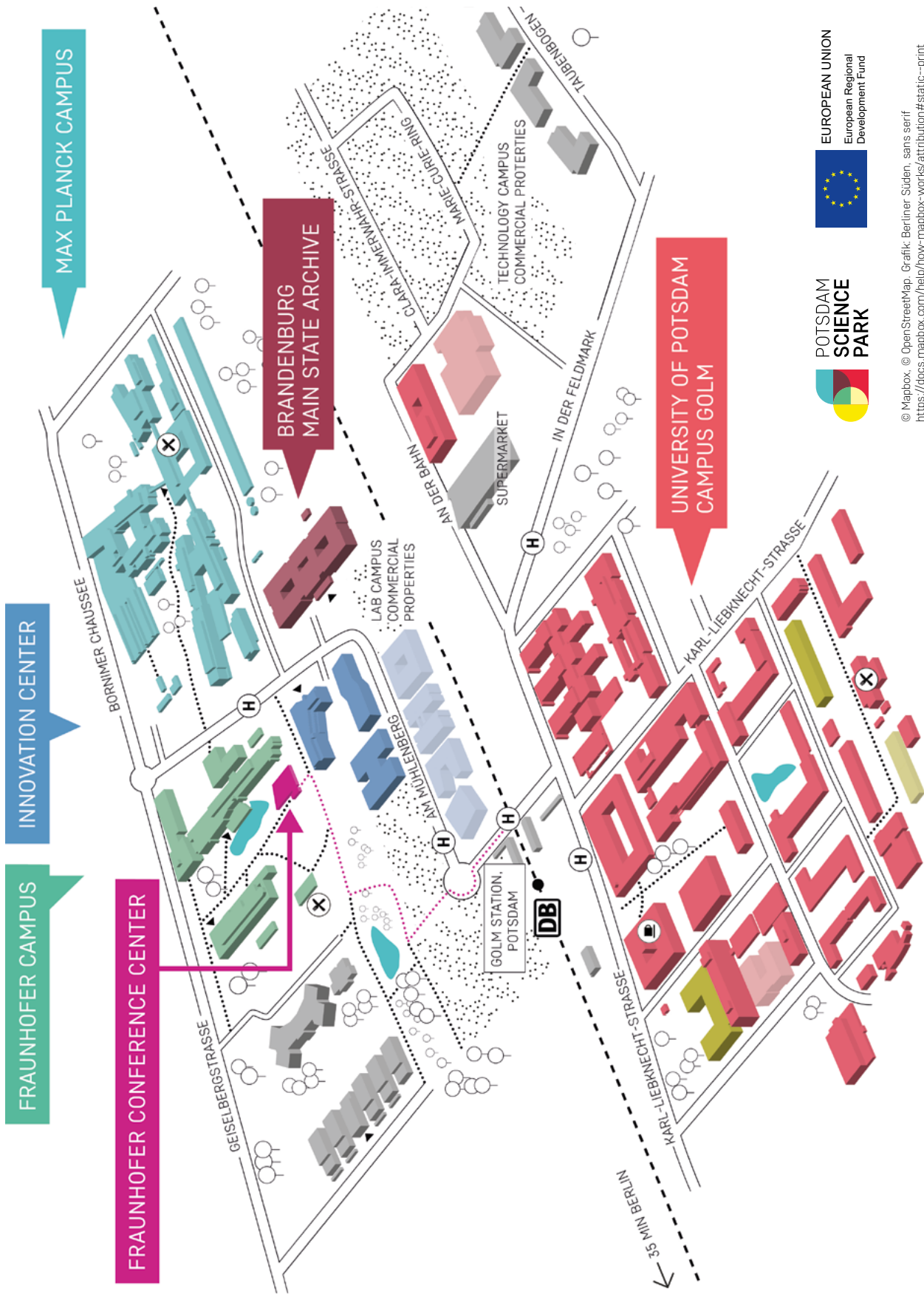
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ROAD MAP PROCESS TO ADVANCE THE POTSDAM SCIENCE PARK

In recent years the Potsdam Science Park has reached substantial levels of growth. The “Road Map Process” has played an important part in this. Originating in a comparative analysis focusing on Scandinavian innovation hubs, it has been launched and shaped as a joint initiative by key players at state, municipal and local level. The analysis, which has been designed and funded by regional ERDF technical assistance within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Brandenburg Internationalisation Strategy, has been combined with dialogue-oriented events and activities. In this sense, comprehensive research has been complemented by two international conferences and a study tour to selected Scandinavian hubs.

The Scandinavian innovation centres offered a broad spectrum of promising ideas and good-practice models to be applied to tap the latent potential of the Potsdam Science Park. A crucial finding was that a joint vision amongst key players and a coordinated strategy are critical prerequisites and success factors for the development and strengthening of innovation hubs. Thus, the “Road Map Process” was initiated under the direction of the Brandenburg Ministry responsible for European Affairs. A task force with representatives from relevant departments of the State Government, economic development organisations, the regional capital city as well as several stakeholders from the park including the science park management and the University of Potsdam has been formed to support and coordinate the “Road Map Process”.

Since the beginning in 2015 approximately 45 task force meetings have taken place. While the regular meetings are attended by representatives of the relevant operational units of the member institutions, the leadership level attends whenever strategic decisions must be taken or key actions have to be co-ordinated. The unwavering commitment of those involved has paved the way for the targeted and successful development of the Potsdam Science Park to this point.

Overview of exchange & discussion formats throughout the comparative analysis

Dialogue-oriented process



Scandinavian innovation hubs:



The first step for the task force was the development of a joint strategic vision and the design of an action plan – the Road Map 2025. Its Point of departure were the recommendations derived from the comparative analysis. By 2021 the action plan had been largely implemented – especially concerning the priority actions. As a result, significant improvements have been made with regard to core elements that shape an innovation hub. Based on the progress made, a new strategic path for the park has been defined by the task force and adopted by the leadership at a joint meeting in April 2021. The new action plan – the Road Map 2035 – comprises three intervention areas and a total of 16 actions:

The intervention area „Orchestrate & Grow“ is geared towards improving the coordination, collaboration and communication structures regarding park development. The Potsdam Science Park and the “Road Map Process” are supposed to become a model for the orchestration of innovation hubs.

The intervention area „Innovate & Cooperate“ focuses on expanding the innovation and start-up ecosystem and the development of internationally competitive structures and support services for the different types of park residents in the fields of science and business. The Potsdam Science Park is supposed to epitomise a new culture of innovation and collaboration.

The intervention area „Live & Work“ is concerned with structures and services that allow the park to become an open and vibrant location offering a high quality experience to residents and visitors alike. This includes sustainable mobility and housing options as well as general amenities.