



Schader Stiftung

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Future Insight e.V. 

Conference

Darmstadt Science & Technology Day

9 September 2025, 10 am - 4 pm
Schader-Forum, Goethestraße 2, 64285 Darmstadt

Darmstadt is a city of science and research, where numerous public research institutions meet companies with significant research departments. The first Science & Technology Day aims to bring together leading players in science and technology based in Darmstadt. This informal gathering is designed to foster exchange on existing research areas and available technologies, with the goal of identifying potential opportunities for collaboration. Synergies will be created, and valuable connections established.

The gathering of key players in science and technology helps to enhance the visibility of Darmstadt's research landscape and regional value chains. It connects people and institutions, facilitates the exchange of expertise, and enables the shared use of technology. The Science & Technology Day can thus serve as a catalyst for initiating joint research projects.

This platform for exchange will be enriched by inspiring keynote speeches, engaging discussions, and interactive round-table sessions on topics such as collaboration, open innovation, responsible research and sustainable development. Presentations of science and technology projects with high collaboration potential will provide a solid foundation for exploring concrete forms of cooperation.

The event is addressed to scientists and engineers from public research institutions, established corporations with significant R&D activities, and the start-up scene in Darmstadt and the surrounding areas. Guests from ministries, city administration and business associations are also very welcome.

We ask for registration online:

https://www.schader-stiftung.de/science_technology

This conference is a joint event organised by the Schader Foundation, Future Insight e.V. and Merck KGaA.



Programme

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

- 9.30 am Arrival
- 10.00 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Philipp Thoma, Supervisory Board, Schader-Stiftung
Dr Ulrich Betz, Future Insight e.V. & Merck KGaA
- 10.30 am **Keynotes: Why Exchange and Cooperation?**
Regional Value Chains: Importance and opportunities for the region
Robert Lippmann, Managing Director of IHK Darmstadt Rhein Main Neckar
- Reasonable and reliable artificial intelligence**
Prof Dr Marcus Rohrbach, Technical University Darmstadt
- 11.15 am Coffee Break
- 11.30 am **Mapping Science and Technology in the Region**
Leading institutions and companies showcase projects with collaboration potential
Prof Dr Michael Becker, Hochschule Darmstadt – University of Applied Sciences,
Prof Dr Felix Hausch, Technical University Darmstadt,
Prof Dr Thomas Nilsson, GSI and FAIR,
Björn Theis, Evonik
- 12.30 pm Lunch Break
- 1.15 pm **Speed-Dating Part 1**
- 1.45 pm **Workshop: Challenges, Opportunities, and Barriers**
Collaborative work in small groups:
- Identifying opportunities for cooperation
- Discussing challenges in implementation
- Developing solutions and next steps
- 3 pm **Speed-Dating Part 2**
- 3.30 pm **Closing and Outlook**
Summary of workshop results | Next steps and future collaborations
- 4 pm End of the Event | Informal Networking