

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME & List of Attendees (as of 24.10.2025 - working titles)

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6 November

Global Finale Falling Walls LAB

The global Falling Walls competition for the most amazing young scientist.

Supported by Federal Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, Technology and Space, DAAD, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Sartorius

2750+ emerging science super stars competed in 82 Falling Walls LABs in 60 countries. The 100 best are invited to Berlin to fight for the crown – the Falling Walls Breakthrough of the Year in the category emerging talents.

Global Finale Falling Walls ENGAGE

The global Falling Walls competition for the most thrilling science engagement projects. Supported by Hannover re Foundation

ENGAGE plays a central role in addressing global challenges, achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and contributing to the overall well-being of society. This year the jury invited finalists out of 236 applications from 84 countries that educate and spark public trust and involvement in science.

Global Finale Falling Walls VENTURE

The global Falling Walls competition for the most fascinating deep-tech startups. Supported by Boehringer Ingelheim, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin

Pioneering founders that have successfully turned science into business demonstrate how entrepreneurial solutions can help solve today's most pressing challenges. Renowned academic institutions worldwide have nominated their best startups, guaranteeing highest quality. 25 finalists were chosen from 200+ applications.

Falling Walls Female Science Talents (FST)

International Fall Gathering Berlin and Women's Impact Award Celebratory Evening

Supported by Elsevier Foundation, Bayer Foundation, Volkswagen Foundation, DFG

Exploring new pathways toward leadership and enhance the global recognition of exceptional talents, while furthering the overarching promotion of women in science. Out of 450+ nominations FST selected 20 exceptional female science leaders of the future from 18 countries.

Ig Nobel Prize Evening Special

Ig Nobel Prize winners will gather on stage to ask each other questions about their work.

With the the founder of the Ig Nobel Prizes, Marc Abrahams and

- Ivan Di Terlizzi, 2025 Ig Nobel Physics Prize winner (for discoveries about the physics of pasta sauce, especially the phase transition that can lead to clumping, which can be a cause of unpleasantness)
- Vikash Kumar, 2025 Ig Nobel Engineering Design Prize winner (analyzing, from an engineering design perspective, how foul-smelling shoes affect the good experience of using a shoe-rack)
- Kees Moeliker, 2003 Ig Nobel Biology Prize winner (for documenting the first scientifically recorded case of homosexual necrophilia in the mallard duck)

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Global Connections for Scientific Dialogue

Various sessions discussing opportunities and challenges of international research networks (selection):

Global Connections: Can Science pave the way for Peace? (Opening)
Mobility in science, pathway to innovation and peace
Next Gen Frontiers: Emerging Voices in Science
Startups for Tomorrow: Innovation, Sustainability, Security
Breaking the Walls of Trauma: Psychedelics and Recovery
Science Rebuilds: Asylum Labs and Research Solidarity
60 Years and Beyond – Israeli-German Science Collaboration Networking
Lunch: Connecting Science Diplomacy
Universities Without Borders: Advancing Global Collaboration
Building Bridges via Science Infrastructures
Global Connections: Italy – Opening
Innovation Pathways: Academic Knowledge to Impact ID
MUSA Innovations: Research and Impact
Meet the Researchers: Ethics, Ecosystems, and Innovation
Designing Tomorrow: Prototypes for a Sustainable Future

7 November

Main Stage

Programme Highlight: Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation – Summit for Research and Science

Supported by Stifterverband, German National Academy of Science Leopoldina,
Expertenkommission Forschung und Innovation – EFI, Volkswagen Foundation

Keynote

9.10 – 9.45 am CET

Panel 1: Structural Changes in the Research and Innovation System

09.45 – 10.45 am CET

Panel 2: International Research Cooperation in a Fragmented World

10.45 am – 11.45 pm CET

Panel 3: Innovation for Security – Innovation through Security

12.45 – 1.45 pm CET

Concluding Remarks by the Partners

1.45 - 2 pm CET

Climate & Sustainability Summit: Back to Square Zero - Redefining Sustainability in Economics

Supported by Boston Consulting Group

3 – 6 pm CET

Session 1: Welcome | Intro of the Hosts

Session 2: Politics may have Changed, the Science hasn't

Session 3: How Climate Change can be a Business Case

Session 4: Margin with Mission – What Companies can Accelerate

Session 5: Wrap Up

Round Table

Boosting Biomedical Innovation Systems in Europe

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Berlin Institute of Health at Charité (BIH), Berlin University Alliance, University of Oxford.

Precision Health: Advancing Medicine and Care With AI

12 - 1 pm CET

Supported by German Rheumatology Research Center, Helmholtz Munich, Novartis

Future of Knowledge: AI, Ethics, and Global Innovation

12 - 1 pm CET

Resilient Pharma: Innovation Amid Geopolitical Shifts

1 – 2 pm CET

Supported by Bayer

KIWi Policy Talk Innovation in Indo-German Academic Exchange

1– 2 pm CET

Supported by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Defense as an Innovation Driver: From Laboratory to Line

2 – 3 pm CET

Supported by Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

Alzheimer's Disease Advances: Challenges and New Therapies

3 – 4 pm CET

Supported by vfa – Verband der forschenden Pharmaunternehmen

Unlocking Europe's Next Growth Engine Together: Industrial AI

4 - 5 pm CET

Supported by Siemens

Breaking the Wall of Conventional Discovery: The Rise of Autonomous Labs in Life Sciences

5 - 6 pm CET

Supported by Sartorius

Executive Table (by invitation only)

Rethinking Clinical Studies

Supported by The German Heart Center Berlin (DHZB) Foundation

Next Generation Start-Ups

Supported by Stifterverband

EU Tech Leadership: Aligning Research & Innovation Policies

Supported by EIT Higher Education Initiative, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation – SPRIND

Governance and Funding of Large-Scale International Science Infrastructures

Supported by CERN

Medicine of the Future: Precision Health and Preceptive Care

Supported by German Rheumatology Research Center, Helmholtz Munich

Additional Formats

Unlocking Innovation Potential: Strategies and Measures

10 - 11 am CET

Supported by Young Entrepreneurs in Science (YES)

Deep-UV Innovation: Shaping the Future of Photonics

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Berthold Leibinger Foundation

Science Diplomacy by Europe: Shaping Global Engagement

11.30 am - 12.30 pm CET

Supported by The Embassy of France in Berlin

The Changing Role of Science in Diplomacy

3.30 - 4.30 pm CET

Supported by Table.Briefings

Workshop: Trans-Nation Co-Creation: Transatlantic Perspectives

Supported by Leuphana University

3 - 5 pm CET

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Plenary Table

The Future of Transatlantic Science Relations

9 - 10 am CET

Supported by Max Planck Society

Frontiers Planet Prize: Can Science Save the Planet?

10 – 11 am CET

Supported by Frontiers Research Foundation

Energy Transition in Europe: Squaring the Circle

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Forschungszentrum Jülich

Africa's Energy Shift: Just and Global Collaboration

12 – 1 pm CET

Supported by Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin

Academia under Attack: Action against Antidemocratic Threats

1 – 2 pm CET

Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

From Pixels to Platforms: Scaling Imaging with AI and Open Science

2 – 3 pm CET

Supported by Chan Zuckerberg Biohub Network

Backing Wild Ideas: HEIs, Research & Innovation in Europe

3 – 4 pm CET

Supported by EIT Higher Education Initiative, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation - SPRIND

Wildfire Resilience: Harnessing Data, Models, and AI

4 – 5 pm CET

Supported by Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Fusion Made in Germany: Dream or Future Reality? 5

– 6 pm CET

Supported by Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space

Round Table

Scaling up Nature Based Solutions: Pitfalls and Potentials

9 – 10 am CET

Supported by German Federal Environmental Foundation

Building a Quantum Future: Joining Forces of Academia and Industry

10 – 11 am CET

Supported by Munich Quantum Valley

Knowledge Security: Global Approaches - Practical Solutions

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Technology Foresight: Shaping Tomorrow's Innovations

12 – 1 pm CET

Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

Biomanufacturing: Scaling the Sustainable Bioeconomy

2 – 3 pm CET

Supported by Trade Investment Queensland

Enhanced Science: AI Talent, Sovereignty and Skills

3 – 4 pm CET

Supported by Elsevier

Philanthropy & Science: Driving Advances in Innovation

4 – 5 pm CET

Supported by Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation

Science Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

5 – 6 pm CET

Supported by Springer Nature

Supercharging Healthcare: AI, Data & Infrastructures

5 – 6 pm CET

Supported by Berlin Institute of Health at Charité (BIH), Helmholtz Munich, WomenX Collective

Executive Table (by invitation only)

Prototyping a New Paradigm in Secure Quantum Communication

Supported by Bundesdruckerei

Bridging the Divide: Resilient Research Partnerships

Supported by New York University

The Future of Research Data Law & Research Data Infrastructure Supported
by Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur (NFDI) e.V.

Philanthropy in Science in a Changing World

Supported by Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation

Strategic Prevention: Turning Health into Economic Value

Supported by German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)

Transatlantic Big Science Initiative

Supported by DESY Research Center, European XFEL

Dual Use Research Side by Side Open Science. Lessons Learned

Supported by Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers

Growth Capital for Deep Tech Start-ups in Europe

Supported by Joachim Herz Stiftung

Additional Formats

Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Symposium for Breakthroughs in Physical Sciences

9 am – 2 pm CET

Supported by Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation

Start-up Nation: Building a World-Class Start-up Ecosystem

10 – 11 am CET

Supported by the Bertelsmann Stiftung

Water Management in Decision Theater - Learning from Others

10 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology

Hidden Structures: The Secret Life of your Digital Footprint

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI)

Climate Science and Politics 10 years after Paris

12 – 1 pm CET

Supported by Helmholtz KLIMA

AI Age & Trust: Ethics and Perspectives for SciComm

3 – 4.30 pm CET

Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

University Presidents Forum: Future of EU Research Policy

(by invitation only)

Global Connections

Global Connections: Focus on Italy

9 am – 6 pm CET

Supported by MUSA Multilayered Urban Sustainability Action

9 November

Science Breakthroughs of the Year

The Prize is awarded to outstanding scientists with significant breakthroughs in their respective fields. All candidates were selected by a renowned jury panel.

Science Breakthrough of the Year – Life Sciences Breaking the Wall of Invisible Ovulation

11.30 am – 1 pm CET

Melina Schuh, Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, DE

Science Breakthrough of the Year – Women’s Impact Award Breaking the Wall of Healthy Aging in Women

11.30 am – 1 pm CET

Ângela Gonçalves, German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), DE

Science Breakthrough of the Year – Engineering & Technology Breaking the Wall of High-Power AI Needs

11.30 am – 1 pm CET

Lu Fang, Tsinghua University, CN

Science Breakthrough of the Year – Social Sciences & Humanities Breaking the Wall of War and its Impact on Children

2 – 3.30 pm CET

Myriam Denov, McGill University, CA

**Science Breakthrough of the Year – Art & Science Breaking
the Wall of Ecological Healing through Sound**

2 – 3.30 pm CET

Marco Barotti, Studio Marco Barotti, DE

Science Breakthrough of the Year – Physical Sciences Breaking the Wall of Practical Satellite QKD

2 – 3.30 pm CET

Jian-Wei Pan, University of Science and Technology of China, CN

Invited Talks:

Breaking the Wall of RNA Therapeutics

9. 30 – 10.30 am CET

Anastasia Khvorova, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, US

Breaking the Wall of Life’s Origin

9. 30 – 10.30 am CET

John Sutherland, Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology, UK

Breaking the Wall of Qubits

9.30 – 10.30 am CET

Mikhail Lukin, Harvard University, US

Breaking the Wall of Traditional Education

11.30 am – 1 pm CET

Peter Schlosser, Arizona State University, US

Breaking the Wall of Mapping the Body

2 – 3.30 pm CET

Stephen Quake, Stanford University, US

Breaking the Wall of Our Sun’s Mysteries

4.30 - 5.30 pm CET

Miho Janvier, European Space Agency, NL

Breaking the Wall of Genetic Barriers

4.30 - 5.30 pm CET

Katalin Karikó, University of Szeged/University of Pennsylvania, HU/US

Breaking the Wall of Future Cities

4.30 - 5.30 pm CET

Carlo Ratti, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sensible City Lab/ Carlo Ratti Association, US

Round Table

60 Years of Israeli-German Science Diplomacy: A Role Model?

10 – 11 am CET

Supported by Hertie Foundation

Deep Tech: Shaping the Future of SMEs

11 am – 12 pm CET

Supported by Technical University of Munich

Evidence & Public Discourse: Academia's Role in Democracy

12 – 1 pm CET

Supported by Alfred Landecker Foundation

Neurodegeneration: Breakthroughs and Novel Therapies

1 - 2 pm CET

Supported by Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung

Long-Term Investment in Quantum Research and Education

2 – 3 pm CET

Supported by New York University

Executive Table (by invitation only)

Which funding schemes can support European collaboration?

Supported by Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW), All European Academies (ALLEA), and Union der deutschen Akademien der Wissenschaften (Akademieunion)

Building Sciencepreneurship in Europe

Supported by Young Entrepreneurs in Science (YES)

Additional Formats

Future Perspectives: Societal Dimensions of Breakthroughs

11:30 am - 4 pm CET

Supported by Kavli Foundation, Rita Allen Foundation

Attendees Falling Wall Science Summit 2025 (more to come) as of 14.10.2025

Abrahams, Marc, Founder and CEO, Ig Nobel Prizes, US
 Agosti, Donat, President of Plazi, CH
 Aiken, Alice, Vice President Research & Innovation Dalhousie University, CA
 Albani, Stephan, Member of Parliament, DE
 Allman, Cat, VP of Digital Science, US
 Alroey, Gur, President University of Haifa, IL
 Aricò, Salvatore, CEO of International Science Council, FR
 Asar, Ayse, Member of Parliament, DE
 Bagger, Jonathan, CEO of American Physical Society, US
 Banys, Jūras, President of Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, LT
 Bär, Dorothee, Federal Minister for Research, Technology and Space of the Federal Republic of Germany, DE Barabaschi, Pietro, Director-General of ITER, FR
 Baum, Christopher, Chair of the BIH Board of Directors and Chief Translational Research Officer of Charité, DE
 Baumann, Michael, Chairman and Scientific Director German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), DE
 Becker, Katja, President of German Research Foundation, DE
 Ben-Sasson, Menahem, Chancellor Hebrew University, IS
 Benz, Willy, President of International Astronomical Union, CH
 Betts, Alexander, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of University of Oxford, UK
 Birkholz, Tanja, CEO SCHUFA Holding AG, DE
 Bloom, Stacie, Chief Research Officer & Vice Chancellor Global Research and Innovation New York University, US
 Blume, Markus, Bavarian Minister for Science and Arts, DE
 Blumenthal, Kelly, Director of International Astronomical Union Office for Astronomy Outreach (IAU OAO), JP
 Bolle, Michael, Chairman of Carl Zeiss Foundation, DE
 Bonde, Alexander, General Secretary of German Federal Environmental Foundation, DE
 Bourguignon, Jean-Pierre, Honorary Professor of Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques, FR
 Boyce, Carrie, Executive Director Royal Canadian Institute for Science, CA
 Brady, Hugh, President of Imperial College London, GB Brown, Tracey, Director Sense about Science, GB
 Bruder, Ralph, President of Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, DE
 Brühl, Tanja, President Technical University Darmstadt, DE
 Budil, Kimberly, President of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, US
 Buitter, Susanne, Scientific Executive Director GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences, DE
 Bulmahn, Edelgard, Chairwoman of the Board of Humboldt University, DE
 Burgelman, Jean-Claude, Director Frontiers Planet Prize and Ed-in-chief Frontiers Policy Labs, CH
 Büttner, Nicole, Founder & CEO Merantix Momentum, DE
 Chakraborty, Suman, Director Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, IN
 Chamovitz, Daniel, President Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, IS
 Chang, Kai, Executive President of Beijing Academy of Quantum Information Sciences, CN
 Chomaz, Philippe, Scientific and Program Director of CEA Basic Research Division, FR
 Colglazier, William, Board Member AAAS, US
 Contreras-Villarreal, Oscar, Vice President Giant Magellan Telescope, CL
 Coulhon, Thierry, President of Polytechnic Institute of Paris, FR
 Craig, Claire, Vice-President of International Network for Governmental Science Advice, UK
 Cramer, Patrick, President of Max-Planck-Society, DE
 Crowder, Scott, Vice President IBM, IBM Quantum, US
 Czyborra, Ina, Senator for Higher Education and Research, Health and Long-Term Care, DE de Pablo, Juan J. , EVP for Global Science and Technology & Ex. Dean the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, US
 Daillant, Jean, Director General European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), FR
 Denz, Cornelia, President of Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, DE
 Dijkgraaf, Robbert, former Dutch minister and president of the ICSU, NL
 Dobrev, Stefan, Chairman of the Governing Board of EIT - European Institute of Innovation and Technology, BGR
 Dogterom, Marileen, President of Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), NL
 Dumitru, Mircea, Vice President of the Romanian Academy of Science, RO
 Eckert, Claudia, Director of Fraunhofer-Institut AISEC, DE Engkvist, Ola, Executive Director AstraZeneca, SE
 Epping, Volker, President of Leibniz University Hannover, DE
 Esser, Rainer, CEO of ZEIT Publishing Group, DE
 Fall, Chris, Vice President MITRE Labs, US
 Feely, Orla, President University College Dublin, IE

Fetzer, Thomas, President University of Mannheim, DE
 Feurer, Thomas, Managing Director European XFEL, DE
 Formella, Stephan, Managing Director, Boehringer Ingelheim Stiftung, DE Fuchs-Schündeln, Nicola, President WZB Berlin Social Science Center, DE Gann, David, Chairman UK International Fusion Solutions, UK
 Garrell, Josep M., President European University Association (EUA), BE
 Gather, Ursula, Head of the board of Krupp-Foundation, DE
 Geese, Alexandra, Member of the European Parliament, DE
 Geilisdörfer, Reinhold, CEO of Dieter Schwarz Foundation, DE
 Glätzle, Alexander, CEO planqc GmbH, DE
 Göthenberg, Andreas, Executive Director of STINT, SE
 Grasse, Adrian, Member of Parliament, DE
 Grilo, Antonio, President of the Board ANI, PT
 Grimm, Andrea, Member of the German Council of Economic Experts, DE
 Gunther, Aimee, Program Director of National Research Council of Canada, CA
 Günther, Jutta, President Universität Bremen, DE
 Günther, Oliver, President of University of Potsdam, DE
 Hanselka, Holger, President of Fraunhofer-Society, DE
 Harel, David, President Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, IL
 Harhoff, Dietmar, Director Max-Planck-Institut für Innovation und Wettbewerb, DE Hassan, Mohammed, President Sudanese National Academy of Science, SDN
 Havlíková, Jana, Deputy Minister for Science, Research and Innovation EU, CZ
 Heekeren, Hauke, President University Hamburg, DE
 Heinemann, Beate, Chairperson of DESY, DE
 Heitor, Manuel, Former Portugal's Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, PT
 Hengartner, Michael, President of the Board of ETH Zurich, CH
 Hewett, JoAnne, Director of Brookhaven National Laboratory, US
 Hesthaven, Jan, President of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology | KIT, DE
 Hetzer, Martin, President Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA), AT
 Hoch, Michael, Rector Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, DE
 Holzinger, Katharina, Rector Universität Konstanz, DE
 Hook, Daniel, CEO of Digital Science, UK
 Houllier, François, President & CEO Ifremer, FR
 Ichioka, Toshiyasu, Director of RIKEN Europe, BE
 Isaksson, Darja, General Director of Vinnova, SE
 Ischinger, Wolfgang, President of the Foundation Council of Munich Security Conference Foundation, DE
 Ittel, Angela, President Braunschweig University of Technology, DE
 Jansen, Klaus, General Manager of Zuse Association, DE
 Jarzombek, Thomas, Member of Parliament and State Secretary Digitalization & State Modernization, DE
 Jungk, Rolf-Dieter, State Secretary Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space Germany, DE
 Kaczmarek, Oliver, Member of Parliament, DE
 Kaeser, Josef, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Siemens Energy, DE
 Kalantari, Zahra, Frontiers Planet Prize Laureate 2025, Stockholm University, SE
 Kalidas, Chitkala, Senior Vice President of Bayer, US
 Kames, Bettina, CEO & Co-Founder LAS Art Foundation, DE Kapferer, Stefan, CEO 50Hertz Transmission, DE
 Kapur, Shitij, Vice-Chancellor & President of King's College London, UK
 Karikó, Katalin, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023, University of Szeged/of Pennsylvania, HU/US
 Kearns, Paul Kenneth, Director of Argonne National Laboratory, US
 Keller, Martin, President Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers, DE
 Kerkhoff, Guido, CEO of Klöckner & Co, DE
 Khelifa, Houda Ghazzi, CEO of Open Startup International, US
 Khosla, Pradeep, Chancellor University of California San Diego, US
 Kjældgaard, Lasse Horne, CEO of Carlsberg Foundation, DK
 Klauke, Sabine, CTO & EVP Engineering of Airbus, DE
 Knobel, Marcelo, Executive Director of UNESCO-TWAS, IT
 Koelbl, Herlinde, German photographer and documentary filmmaker, DE
 Koulouri, Christina, Rector Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, GR
 Krüger, Antonio, CEO of German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence, DE

Kunst, Sabine, Chairwoman of the Executive Board, Joachim Herz Stiftung, DE
 Laguna de la Vera, Rafael, Director of SPRIND, DE
 Lambrecht, Astrid, Chair of the Board of Directors of Forschungszentrum Jülich, DE
 Lang, Rafael, CEO of Klaus Tschira Foundation, DE
 Lapointe, Tara, Vice President Social Sciences and Humanities Council CA
 Laukien, Frank, CEO of Bruker Corporation, US
 Leibinger-Kammüller, Nicola, CEO of TRUMPF SE + Co. KG, DE Leible,
 Stefan, President Universität Bayreuth, DE
 Leptin, Maria, President of European Research Council (ERC), BE
 Lin, Amy, Director of International Affairs Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), US Ljutić,
 Dragan, Rector University of Split, HRV
 Lorenz, Katharina, President Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, DE
 Madeja, Michael, CEO of Else Kröner-Fresenius-Foundation, DE
 Manandhar, Pooja, Research Director Nepal Bioscience Research Laboratory, NP
 Mann, Holger, Member of Parliament, DE
 Mao, Hokwang, Director Institute for Shanghai Advanced Research in Physical Sciences (SHARPS) , CN
 Marksches, Christoph, President of BBAW, President of Union of Academies, DE
 Martin, Bettina, President German Research Ministers Conference, DE
 Marx, Henry, Berlin State Secretary for Higher Education and Research, DE
 Mason, Thomas, Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL); President of Triad National Security, US
 Matthes, Katja, Director GEOMAR Helmholtz-Zentrum für Ozeanforschung Kiel, DE
 Matthews, Paul, Director of The Rosalind Franklin Institute, UK
 Maxon, Mary, EVP Carnegie Science, US
 Maxton, Julie, Executive Director The Royal Society, UK
 McCall, Julianne, CEO of California Council on Science and Technology, US
 Mermet, Alain, Head of CNRS Europe & International French National Scientific Research Center (CNRS), FR
 Mesot, Joël, President of ETH Zürich, CH
 Meyer, Frank, Corporate Senior Vice President of Henkel AG & Co, DE
 Meyer-Guckel, Volker, Secretary General , Stifterverband, DE
 Middendorf, Peter, Rector of University of Stuttgart, DE
 Milzow, Katrin, Co-Director, Swiss National Science Foundation, CH
 Mouhoud, El Mouhoub, President of Université PSL, FR
 Moullet, Jean-Luc, Director General of Research & Innovation, FR
 Ministry of Higher Education and Research, FR
 Müller, Claudia, Member of Parliament, DE
 Müller, Florian, Member of Parliament, DE
 Müller, Matthias, Executive Vice President of SCHOTT AG, DE
 Mulas, Víctor, Chief Innovation Officer CIC (Cambridge Innovation Center), US
 Mulgan, Geoff, Professor of Collective Intelligence, University College London, UK
 Münch, Wolfram, Director EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG, DE
 Nawangwe, Barnabas, Vice-Chancellor Makerere University, UG
 Nilsson Vindefjård, Anna, Founder & General secretary Research!Sweden, SE
 Nowotny, Helga, Former President European Research Council (ERC), AT
 Nurse, Paul, Nobel Laureate in Medicine and Director LifeArc, UK
 Ohnesorge, Bernd, President Europe, Middle East & Africa of Siemens Healthineers AG, DE
 Olkku, Tuomas, Executive Director KAUTE Foundation, FI
 Österblom, Henrik, Director of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, SE
 Pauly, Kyra Constanze, Managing Director of Bayer Foundation, DE
 Pesquin, Gustavo, CEO Asklepios BioPharmaceutical Inc. (AskBio), US
 Petit, Antoine, CEO of French National Scientific Research Center – CNRS, FR
 Pleyer, Marcus, State Secretary Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space Germany, DE
 Plöger, Iris, Member of the Executive Board of Federation of German Industries | BDI, DE
 Pries, Axel, President World Health Summit, DE
 Rauch, Geraldine, President Technische Universität Berlin, DE
 Rech, Bernd, Scientific Director Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin, DE
 Reinalter, Anja, Member of Parliament, DE
 Rinnert, Jan, CEO of Heraeus Holding, DE
 Rocholl, Jörg, President ESMT Berlin, DE

Rökke, Nils A., EVP Sustainability SINTEF, NO
 Rockenbach, Bettina, President of National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, DE
 Rockström, Johan, Director of Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, DE
 Rosenthal, Walter, President German Rectors Conference (HRK), DE
 Rüegg, Christian, Director Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), CH
 Sander, Maïke, Scientific Director Max-Delbrück-Centrum Department Berlin, DE
 Sarrao, John L., Director of SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, US
 Scheffer, Michiel, President of European Innovation Council, BE
 Scheifele, Bernd, Chairman of Heidelberg Materials AG, DE
 Schemm, Ylann, Executive Director Elsevier Foundation, NL
 Scherf, Christian, Administrative Director of Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research, DE
 Schlosser, Peter, Vice President ASU Arizona State University, US
 Schmidt, Brian, Nobel Laureate in Physics and former Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, AUS
 Schmidt, Sebastian, Scientific Director, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, DE
 Schönenberger, Helmut, CEO of Unternehmer TUM, DE
 Schuetz, Michael, Director of Queensland University of Technology / Jamieson Trauma Institute, AU
 Schütte, Georg, CEO of Volkswagen Foundation, DE
 Schwannitz, Simone, Secretary General of the Max Planck Society, DE
 Sheth, Kartik, Chairman Singapore Space & Technology Think Tank, US
 Shirley, Rebekah, Deputy Director World Resources Institute Africa, KE
 Skipper, Magdalena, Editor-in-Chief of Springer Nature, UK
 Smith, Brooke, Director, Science and Society Kavli Foundation, US
 Smith, Nigel, Executive Director and CEO TRIUMF, CA
 Socher, Richard, CEO of you.com, US
 Soroko, Leah, Director Global Research Partnerships CIFAR, CA
 Spergel, David, President Simons Foundation, US
 Spoun, Sascha, President Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, DE
 Stamatiopoulos, Georg, CEO of EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG, DE
 Stearns, Tim, Professor and Dean The Rockefeller University, US
 Stietz, Frank, CEO & Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Heraeus Holding GmbH, DE
 Stirbăţ, Liviu, Head of Unit for AI in Science in the DG for Research and Innovation, BE
 Streeck, Hendrik, Member of Parliament, DE
 Streiffer, Stephen, Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, US
 Stuewe, Ruppert, Member of Parliament, DE
 Sure-Vetter, York, Director Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur (NFDI), DE
 Szeptycki, Andrzej, State Secretary in the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, PL
 Tanguy, Philippe, CEO Hynergy Consulting Ltd., PT
 Thomson, Mark, Director-General Designate of CERN, CH
 Tochtermann, Klaus, President EOSC, DE
 Vázquez-Rojas Maldonado, Violeta, Undersecretary for Humanistic and Scientific Research of Mexico, MEX
 von Holtzbrinck, Stefan, CEO of Holtzbrinck, DE
 Wagner, John C., President of Battelle Energy Alliance, Director of Idaho National Laboratory, US
 Walmsley, Ian, Provost of Imperial College London, UK
 Walport, Mark, Foreign Secretary & Vice-President of the Royal Society, UK
 Weber, Michael, President of Ulm University, DE
 Wechsler, Andrea, Member of the European Parliament, DE
 Wessels, Johannes, Rector of University of Münster, DE
 Wetzel, Frank, State Secretary Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, DE
 Wick, Wolfgang, Chairman German Science and Humanities Council (Wissenschaftsrat), DE
 Woll, Cornelia, President Hertie School, DE
 Xing, Eric, President Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI), UAE
 Yimer, Ibrahim, Vice President Research National Research Council Canada, CA
 Yuan, Katrin J., CEO & Chair of the Board Swiss Future Institute AG, CH