

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME & Selection of Attendees** (as of 25 September 2025 - working titles)

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**6 November**

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**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 Böhringer 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.

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**Global Dialogues in Science**

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

Pavilion Opening Event

Mini Talks by International Emerging Researchers

Startups for Tomorrow: Innovation, Sustainability, Security

Trauma and Resilience: New Approaches in Times of Crisis

Science Rebuilds: Asylum Labs and Research Solidarity

60 Years and Beyond – Reflections on Israeli-German Science Collaboration

Science Networks: Connecting the People Behind Collaboration

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## Main Stage

### Program Highlight: Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation

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

Session 1: Disruptions in the Research and Innovation System

Session 2: International Research Cooperation in a Fragmented World

Session 3: Innovation for Safety – Innovation Through Safety

Session 4: Closing Panel

### Main Track - Green Transformation of Industry

#### “Back to Square Zero ? : Redefining Sustainability in Economics”

Supported by Boston Consulting Group

Session 1: Overall | Political Classification

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

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

### Resilient Pharma: Innovation Amid Geopolitical Shifts

Supported by Bayer

### KIWi Policy Talk Innovation in Indo-German Academic Exchange

Supported by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

### Defense as an Innovation Driver: From Laboratory to Line

Supported by Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

### Alzheimer's Disease Advances: Challenges and New Therapies

Supported by vfa – Verband der forschenden Pharmaunternehmen

### Unlocking Europe's Next Growth Engine Together: Industrial AI

Supported by Siemens

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

Supported by Sartorius

### Breaking the Wall to Precision Health

Supported by Helmholtz Munich

### Future of Knowledge: AI, Ethics, and Global Innovation

## 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

**Breaking the Wall to Precision Health**

Supported by Deutsches-Rheuma-Forschungszentrum Berlin

**Additional Formats**

**Unlocking Innovation Potential: Strategies and Measures**

Supported by Young Entrepreneurs in Science (YES)

**Deep Ultraviolet Laser Diodes for clean Water**

Supported by Berthold Leibinger Foundation

**Science Diplomacy by Europe: Shaping Global Engagement**

Supported by The Embassy of France in Berlin

**Science Diplomacy and the media**

Supported by Wissenschaftspressekonferenz (WPK)

**Workshop: Trans-Nation Co-Creation: Transatlantic Perspectives**

Supported by Leuphana University

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**Plenary Table – 8 November**

**The Future of Transatlantic Science Relations**

Supported by Max Planck Society

**Wildfire Resilience: Harnessing Data, Models, and AI**

Supported by Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

**Energy Transition in Europe: Squaring the Circle**

Supported by Forschungszentrum Jülich

**Fusion Made in Germany: Dream or Future Reality?**

Supported by Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space

**Frontiers Planet Prize: Amplifying Global Planetary Solutions**

Supported by Frontiers Research Foundation

**Africa's Energy Shift: Just and Global Collaboration**

Supported by Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin

**Backing Wild Ideas: HEIs, Research & Innovation in Europe**

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

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

Supported by Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

**Academia under Attack: Action against Antidemocratic Threats**

Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

**Round Table**

**Scaling up Nature Based Solutions: Pitfalls and Potentials**

Supported by German Federal Environmental Foundation

**Building a Quantum Future: Joining Forces of Academia and Industry**

Supported by Munich Quantum Valley

**Knowledge Security: Perspectives for Action in International Comparison**

Supported by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**Technology Foresight: Shaping Tomorrow's Innovations**

Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

**Biomanufacturing: Scaling the Sustainable Bioeconomy**

Supported by Trade Investment Queensland

**Science Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**

Supported by Springer Nature

**Philanthropy & Science: Driving Advances in Innovation**

Supported by Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation

**Enhanced Science: AI Talent, Sovereignty and Skills**

Supported by Elsevier

**Supercharging Healthcare: AI, Data & Infrastructures**

Supported by Berlin Institute of Health (BIH), Helmholtz Munich

**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**  
Supported by Wilhelm and Else Heraeus Foundation

**AI Age & Trust: Ethics and Perspectives for SciComm**  
Supported by Volkswagen Foundation

**Start-up Nation: Building a World-Class Start-up Ecosystem**  
Supported by the Bertelsmann Stiftung

**Water Management in Decision Theater - Learning from Others**  
Supported by Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology

**Climate Science and the 10 years after Paris**  
Supported by GEOMAR & Helmholtz Climate

**Hidden Structures: The Secret Life of your Digital Footprint**  
Supported by Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI)

**University Presidents Forum: Future of EU Research Policy**

**Global Connections**

**Global Connections: Focus on Italy**  
Supported by MUSA Multilayered Urban Sustainability Action

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**Science Breakthroughs of the Year**

**Global Call:**

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**  
Melina Schuh, Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, DE

**Science Breakthrough of the Year – Physical Sciences**  
**Breaking the Wall of Practical Satellite QKD**  
Jian-Wei Pan, University of Science and Technology of China, CN

**Science Breakthrough of the Year – Engineering & Technology**  
**Breaking the Wall of High-Power AI Needs**  
Lu Fang, Tsinghua University, CN

**Science Breakthrough of the Year – Social Sciences & Humanities**  
**Breaking the Wall of War and its Impact on Children**  
Myriam Denov, McGill University, CA

**Science Breakthrough of the Year – Art & Science**  
**Breaking the Wall of Ecological Healing through Sound**  
Marco Barotti, Studio Marco Barotti, DE

**Women's Impact Award**

**Invited Talks:**

**Breaking the Wall of Mapping the Body**

Stephen Quake, Stanford University, US

**Breaking the Wall of Qubits**

Mikhail Lukin, Harvard University, US

**Breaking the Wall of Our Sun's Mysteries**

Miho Janvier, European Space Agency, NL

**Breaking the Wall of Traditional Education**

Peter Schlosser, Arizona State University, US

**Breaking the Wall of Genetic Barriers**

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

**Breaking the Wall of Life's Origin**

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

**Breaking the Wall of Future Cities**

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

**Breaking the Wall of RNA Therapeutics**

Anastasia Khvorova, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, US

**Round Table**

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

Supported by Hertie Foundation

**AI, Robotics, Quantum: Shaping the Future of SMEs**

Supported by Technical University of Munich

**Evidence & Public Discourse: Academia's Role in Democracy**

Supported by Landecker Foundation

**Neurodegeneration: Breakthroughs and Novel Therapies**

Supported by Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung

**Long-Term Investment in Quantum Research and Education**

Supported by New York University

**Executive Table (by invitation only)**

*Topics currently in preparation*

**Forum Societal & Ethical Implications of Scientific Discovery**

Supported by Kavli Foundation

Open-stage dialogue, where selected Breakthrough Day speakers will explore the profound societal and ethical dimensions of their research. Topics: origin of life, RNA therapeutics, endless computing power

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 Allman, Cat, VP of Digital Science, US  
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 Bagger, Jonathan, CEO of American Physical Society, US  
 Banyas, Jūras, President of Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, LT  
 Bär, Dorothee, Federal Minister for Research, Technology and Space of the Federal Republic of Germany, DE  
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 Becker, Katja, President of German Research Foundation, DE  
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 Bloom, Stacie, Chief Research Officer & Vice Chancellor Global Research and Innovation New York University, US  
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