

Entrepreneurs for a better world

Launch of the Global Entrepreneurship Centre by

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia

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Hans-Jürgen Petruschke County Governor of the Rhine County of Neuss

Dr. Heinrich Bottermann Secretary of State, MULNV, NRW

October 15, 2021 @ 10.00 a.m. - 06.00 p.m. UTC+2 (*virtual participation possible*)

Glühofenhalle, Areal Böhler – Böhlerstr. 1, 40667 Meerbusch

Registration: www.gec-scaleup.com/launch/



**GLOBAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
CENTRE**

Scaling for impact

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Gefördert durch:



Bundesministerium
für Wirtschaft
und Energie

aufgrund eines Beschlusses
des Deutschen Bundestages

Session 1

High-level segment

**10:00-
11:00**

a.m. (UTC+2)

Opening

Welcome/ Moderation

Dr. Alexander Schröder-Frerkes,
Chairman GEC Advisory Board

Opening speech

Hans Jürgen Petrauschke,
County Governor Rhine County of Neuss

Keynote speech

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister MWIDE, NRW

Panel Discussion

Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker, Secretary of State BMWi
Dr. Heinrich Bottermann, Secretary of State, MULNV, NRW
Torsten Safarik, President BAFA
Christian Holzleitner, HoU, European Commission

Handing over grant agreement

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister, MWIDE, NRW
Dr. Heinrich Bottermann, Secretary of State, MULNV, NRW

**11:00-
11:30**

a.m. (UTC+2)

Coffee break

Session 2

Presentation of the GEC and Panel Discussion

**11:30-
12:00**

a.m. (UTC+2)

**Introducing
the GEC**

Presentation

Friedrich Barth CEO GEC
Sebastian Gronwald CFO GEC
André Kingham, Digital Advisor and CEO Iristrace

**12:00-
01:00**

p.m. (UTC+2)

**Scaling
for Impact**

Moderator

Dr. Holger Bengs, CEO European Chemistry Partnering

Input

Dr. Robert Brüll, Fibrecoat GmbH

Panelists

Daniella Russo, CIO GEC
Klaus Schimmer, Open Innovation Chief Architect, SAP SE
Prof. Dr. Alexei Lapkin, University of Cambridge
Dr. Boris Stoffel, Chairman of BioRiver e.V.
Prof. Dr. Fabian Dittrich, Fachhochschule Dortmund

**01:00-
02:00**

p.m. (UTC+2)

Lunchbreak

Session 3

Finance panel

**02:00-
03:00**

p.m. (UTC+2)

Financing Sustainable Start-Ups

Moderator Friedrich Barth CEO GEC

Input Vladimir Trembovolsky, ETB Catalytic Technologies

Panelists Claas Heise, Development Bank of NRW
Dr. Ludwig Goris, Capricorn Partners
Matthias Höninger, BMWi
Michael Claes, Sabic Ventures

**03:00-
03:30**

p.m. (UTC+2)

Coffee break

Session 4

Textile panel

**03:30-
04:30**

p.m. (UTC+2)

**Trans-
forming
the Textile
Industry**

Moderator

Dr. Holger Bengs, CEO European Chemistry Partnering

Input

Tanja Kliewe-Meyer, Like a Bird

Panelists

Prof. Dr. Maike Rabe, Hochschule Niederrhein
Oliver Feske, P4Marketing
Thimo Schwenzfeier, Show Director Neonyt
Martin Höfeler, Armed Angels (tbc)

Session 5

Announcement of the GEC Textile Award



04:30

p.m. (UTC+2)

**Launch of
the GEC
Textile
Award**

Moderator

Friedrich Barth, CEO GEC

Speech

Lutz Lienenkämper, Minister, Ministry of Finance NRW
Veerle Vandeweerd, CEO P4TT

Fashion show

by Tanja Kliewe-Meyer, Like a Bird
Oliver Feske, P4Marketing

05:00

p.m. (UTC+2)

Get Together Party