

# 2025 AIxIA

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**Beyond Intelligence – The Next Era of AI**

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Smart Production Park, Karlsruhe

# PROGRAM

# The Next Era of AI

## WELCOME

to the sixth edition of The Franco-German AI Conference **AixIA 2025!**

We are proud to serve again as a vibrant platform for cross-border innovation and exchange. This year's theme—"Beyond Intelligence – The Next Era of AI"—invites us to look beyond mere automation and narrow applications, toward a future shaped by ethical, sustainable, and resilient AI systems. Explore cutting-edge developments in mobility, health, green AI, manufacturing, workforce development, AI models, and public services, while engaging with thought leaders who will help define Europe's AI landscape.

Enjoy a rich agenda of keynotes, panel discussions, and breakout sessions!

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DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH enables companies, municipalities, and research institutions to harness digital innovation. It drives and manages projects, funding, and knowledge transfer, while coordinating de:hub Applied AI and partnering with EDIH-AICS to foster collaboration between research, startups, and established businesses for the adoption of future-oriented technologies.

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The de:hub Applied AI leverages the region's AI strengths, recognized by the Federal Government since 2017 and supported by Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Economic Affairs. As one of 25 national digital hot-spots, it links startups, corporates, research, and public institutions to advance AI and drive practical applications.

The EDIH-AICS promotes secure, sustainable, sovereign European AI and cybersecurity. It supports SMEs, startups, and public organizations with test-before-invest, funding guidance, and training, co-funded by the EU and Baden-Württemberg ministries.

## **Cathleen Fink**

## *Main Host*

Cathleen C. Fink is a seasoned moderator, actor, and communications expert with a decade of experience on stage and behind communication strategies and events. Her passion for engaging audiences has led her to moderate a wide range of events, from corporate conferences to creative workshops, both nationally and internationally. As a moderator, she combines her educational background and years of expertise to ensure smart dramaturgy, entertaining programs, and professional discussions.



## Akiza Hagami

### *Session Host*

Akiza Hagami is one of the Community Managers of the KI Allianz Baden-Württemberg, responsible for the Karlsruhe region. She brings extensive games industry experience, including project funding, to the KI-Allianz.

The KI-Allianz Baden-Württemberg is a connecting element between business, science and politics, with the aim of securing and expanding economic success through targeted networking.



## Nina Hofmeister

### *Session Host*

Nina Hofmeister is an Innovation and Project Manager at DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH and has been serving as the network manager for the ZIM Innovation Network KIS – AI in Technical Service.

As a neutral innovation agency, DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH initiates and coordinates forward-looking projects and strategic initiatives for companies, research, administration, and politics with a particular focus on digital transformation.



## Hannah Japp

### *Session Host*

Hannah Japp has been a project associate at the KI Bundesverband since November 2024, supporting SMEs in adopting AI as part of the „Mittelstand-Digital Zentrum Franken“ initiative.

The German AI Association connects Germany's most innovative AI and deep tech companies with established businesses and politics. With more than 500 AI companies, they are the largest AI network in Germany.



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## Sabine Hafner-Zimmermann

### Session Host

Sabine Hafner-Zimmermann is a senior project manager at the Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum in Karlsruhe/Stuttgart and has over 20 years of experience in international innovation and future-oriented projects.

Steinbeis Europa Zentrum (SEZ) is a leading RTDI support organisation in Europe, since 1990 recognised as an innovation & collaboration facilitator and eco-system developer.



## Jean-Jacques Bernardini

### Session Host

Jean-Jacques Bernardini is the head of the European affairs department in Grand Est Développement. He has more than 30 years of experience in innovation management and setting up European programs. He is also coordinator if the French Corridor of EDIH.

Grand Est Développement is the regional innovation in foreign investment agency in Grand Est. The focus of the agency is the acceleration of the transformation of our regional economy.



## Samira Dahl

### Session Host

In her role as Project & Community Manager, she coordinates the expansion of the partner and start-up network. She develops formats, events and initiatives that support the strategic goals of de:hub Artificial Intelligence Karlsruhe, as well as the EDIH-AICS.

DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH empowers companies and public organizations to leverage digital innovation.



# AGENDA

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WELCOME SPEECH  
9:15

Gennadi Schermann  
*DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH*

Thomas Jarzombek  
*Federal Ministry for Digitalisation and  
Government Modernisation*

Thomas Courbe  
*French Ministry of Economy and Finance*

KEYNOTE  
9:45

## Apply AI Strategy

This keynote explores the most recently published Apply AI Strategy. The talk sets the stage for a day focused on the future of AI beyond narrow intelligence—towards autonomy, responsibility, and resilience.

Lucilla Sioli  
*European Commission*

PANEL  
10:00

## Trust by Design: Shaping Ethical and Secure AI Systems

As AI becomes increasingly embedded in society, organizations face the challenge of aligning innovation with ethics and regulation. This panel explores how AI can be designed responsibly, especially in sensitive areas such as defense, security, and critical infrastructure.

Adrien Badina  
*2CRSI*

Evelyn Graß  
*Federal Ministry for Digitalisation and  
Government Modernisation*

Alina Holcroft  
*ETHIQAIS*

Alexandra Ketterer  
*Tagesspiegel Background*

Maria Rill  
*FZI Forschungszentrum Informatik*

Ronald Schmidt  
*TÜV Saar*

BIO BREAK  
11:00



# BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

## 11:30

### Beyond LLMs – Code, Agents & the Future of AI Innovation

While Large Language Models (LLMs) have dominated recent advances in AI, the next wave is already on the horizon. This session explores emerging model architectures, autonomous agent systems, and the transformative role of Code AI in automating software development.

### The AI Talent Shift – Rethinking Workforce Development

AI is reshaping how we identify, develop, and empower talent. This session showcases real-world applications where AI supports personalized learning, intelligent upskilling, and data-driven workforce strategies. As organizations face rapid transformation, AI-powered HR tools are becoming essential to stay competitive, adaptive, and human-centered.

### Green AI in Action – Building Europe’s Sustainable AI Infrastructure

AI is powerful—but power-hungry. This session focuses on how AI can be developed and deployed with sustainability in mind. From low-emission training pipelines to eco-aware applications, participants will discover how to reconcile high-performance AI with environmental responsibility—crucial for a European vision of ethical tech leadership.

Clemens Hübner  
*inovex GmbH*

Elias Schneider  
*codesphere*

Room: Main Event Room

Jan Foelsing  
*New Learning Lab*

Tatevik Mkrtchyan  
*IKEA*

Christoph Liphardt  
*Blanc & Fischer*

Armin Baehr  
*EDI GmbH*

Room : Church

Constanze Hasterok  
*Fraunhofer IOSB*

Florian Schleissinger  
*Dieffenbacher*

Andreas Wierse  
*SICOS BW*

Iris Pantle  
*Falquez, Pantle und Pritz GbR*

Room: Feco-Lounge

# LUNCH AT BRUNCH BAR

## 12:30

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

## 14:00

### **Smart Health – AI-Driven Innovation in a Cross-Border Healthcare System**

AI is revolutionizing diagnostics, treatment planning, and patient engagement—yet healthcare remains one of the most complex and regulated fields for innovation. This session highlights how AI is implemented in clinical practice, research, and public health across Germany and France.

### **Next-Gen Mobility – AI as the Engine of Intelligent Transportation**

From predictive maintenance to passenger behavior analytics, AI is at the core of transportation innovation. This session looks at how AI enables seamless, safe, and sustainable mobility across borders—transforming public transport, logistics, and urban planning.

### **AI in Manufacturing and Intralogistics – smarter Supply Chains**

From smart factories to dynamic warehouse systems, AI is transforming industrial processes and internal logistics. This session explores how AI-driven technologies like machine learning and computer vision enable efficiency, adaptability, and circularity across production and supply chains – strengthening resilience and competitiveness in European industry.

Fabian Höger  
*Perspective Care GmbH*

Luc Soler  
*Visible Patient*

Room: Church

Patrick Henkel  
*ANavS GmbH*

Philippe Rapin  
*Urban Radar*

Room : Feco-Lounge

Philippe Robin  
*Alysophil*

Anatoly Sherman  
*SICK AG*

Xenia Scholl  
*Aitonomi AG*

Torsten Scholl  
*Aitonomi AG*

Room: Main Event Room

BIO BREAK  
15:00

POLITICAL GREETINGS  
15:30

Michael Kleiner  
*Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour  
and Tourism Baden-Württemberg*

Mathieu Vermel  
*Région Grand Est*

PANEL  
16:00

**Public Sector 4.0 – AI and the Future of  
Government Services**

From smart service portals to decision support in policy-making, public institutions are leveraging AI to improve efficiency, responsiveness, and citizen engagement. This panel will explore digital transformation through AI in administration and how Europe can lead with trustworthy and efficient AI-powered public services.

Björn Beck  
*Innolab\_BW*

Anna Christmann  
*SAI Europe*

Davis Adedayo Eisape  
*Bundesdruckerei GmbH*

Alexa Kunz  
*HoC, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*

Alban Schmutz  
*Cloud Data Engine*

VIDEO MESSAGE  
17:00

Henna Virkkunen  
*Executive Vice-President of the  
European Commission*

KEYNOTE  
17:15

**Embrace AI – win the future**

A future-facing talk how Bosch Mobility drives the internal AI adoption with a clear focus on portfolio, technology and people.

Ulrich Schmidt  
*Bosch Mobility*

NETWORKING  
17:30

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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17:15	Keynote „AI in Europe 2030 – Vision, Innovation, and Challenges Ahead“ by Ulrich Schmidt, Leader of the Bosch Mobility AI Performance Hub	Main Eventroom
17:30	Networking and Get-Together	Main Eventroom



# **SPEAKERS**

## **A-Z**

# POLITICAL GREETINGS



**Thomas Jarzombek**

*Parliamentary State Secretary*

Federal Ministry for Digitalisation and  
Government Modernisation



**Thomas Courbe**

*Directeur général des entreprises*

French Ministry of Economy and Finance



**Michael Kleiner**

*Ministerial Director*

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour  
and Tourism Baden-Württemberg



**Mathieu Vermel**

*Directeur Général Adjoint Attractivité*

Région Grand Est



**Henna Virkkunen**

*Executive Vice-President for Tech  
Sovereignty, Security and Democracy*

European Commission



## Adrien Badina

### *Head of innovation 2CRSi*

Currently Director of Innovation and Project Manager at 2CRSi, where he has been contributing for 11 years, he drives creativity and supports technological dynamism, particularly in artificial intelligence.

IT engineer specialized in image processing, with 28 years of experience across large corporations and SMEs, he developed skills in project management, adaptability and innovation.



## Armin Baehr

### *Team Lead Business Development*

Armin Baehr is Team Lead Business Development at EDI GmbH. With a background in Mechanical Engineering and Data Science, his team develops data-driven solutions to real-world challenges. His work focuses on algorithmic innovation that improves operational fairness and efficiency across organizations.

EDI GmbH develops AI-powered solutions for industry and business, enabling smarter decisions, process automation, and sustainable innovation.



Baden-Württemberg  
Staatsministerium

## Björn Beck

*Head of InnoLab\_bw*

From 2003 to 2010, Björn Beck was an IT entrepreneur. After completing his legal clerkship, he joined the judiciary of the state of Baden-Württemberg in 2014, initially working as a judge and prosecutor. In 2017, he moved to the Ministry of Justice of Baden-Württemberg, where he initiated the nationwide “AI” working group in 2018. In November 2023, he was appointed head of the Innovation Lab of the Baden-Württemberg state government.

The Innovation Lab of the Baden-Württemberg state government (InnoLab\_bw) is an interdisciplinary platform that drives progress on key future topics. It supports ministries in developing ideas, testing prototypes, and implementing innovative projects across departments.



## Anna Christmann

*CEO*

Anna Christmann has initiated many innovation projects that have advanced Germany as a business location. During her time as an active politician she has served in many expert groups on AI, eg. an Enquete Commission in the German Bundestag, a French-German Parliamentary Working group and the High level Expert Group of the United Nations.

SAI Europe stands for a new pace for innovation in Europe. It is a strategic agency that aims at supporting startups, SME, research, and administration in accelerating their innovation activities and helping them to find the right network.

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## Davis Adedayo Eisape

### *Senior Manager – Key Account Management*

Dr. Davis Eisape is a senior manager at Bundesdruckerei GmbH, specializing in digital government and strategic innovation. With 15+ years of experience across tech, startups, and public sector, he is a thought leader in platform models and AI-driven transformation.

Bundesdruckerei GmbH develops secure digital solutions in identity, AI, and e-government—enabling a resilient, modern society.



## Jan Foelsing

### *Learning & AI Expert*

Jan Foelsing is an expert in New Learning and AI, an author, speaker, tool enthusiast, and founder of the New Learning Lab. From 2013 to 2021, he researched modern learning formats and digital tools for collaborative learning in two BMBF-projects. Previously, he worked as an IT consultant and has been active as a freelance advisor since 2014.

The New Learning Lab is a pioneer in effective learning and AI adoption. The community of now over 150 people meets in weekly sessions to work on the transformation of learning.





## Evelyn Graß

### *Head of Division DW II 2 – Artificial Intelligence*

Evelyn Graß is Head of Division DW II 2 – Artificial Intelligence at the Federal Ministry for Digitalisation and Government Modernisation. The division is the lead unit within the German Federal Government for the European AI Act and its implementation. Additionally, the division is responsible for strategic issues related to AI policy at the national level.

The Federal Ministry for Digitalisation and Government Modernisation (BMDS) is a newly established German federal ministry, founded on May 6, 2025, and is responsible for coordinating Germany's digital transformation.



## Constanze Hasterok

### *Head of the Research Group for Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems*

Constanze Hasterok, a particle physicist with a PhD, has been at Fraunhofer IOSB since 2019. She drives the transfer of AI fundamental research into industrial applications, focusing on advancing machine learning methods for long-term practical use beyond prototypes in industrial production.

At the Fraunhofer Institute of Optonics, System Technologies and Image Exploitation (IOSB), ideas for new technologies in image processing and production engineering are developed and transformed into practical applications.



## Patrick Henkel

### Founder and CEO

Patrick Henkel is founder and CEO of ANavS GmbH, with 15+ years expertise in precise positioning and sensor fusion. He significantly contributed to the design of the Galileo High Accuracy Service (HAS) PPP user algorithm. He earned B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD and habil-degrees from TU Munich, with research stays at TU Delft, Stanford and Curtin. Awards include the Vodafone Dissertation Award (2011) and ESNC Regional Winner (2010).



ANavS is an innovative technology enterprise that develops precise positioning systems for the automotive, railway, robotics, maritime and defence industry.



## Alina Holcroft

### CEO

Alina Holcroft is a strategist in AI governance and ethics, supporting ETHIQAIS' mission to ensure transparency, compliance, and trust in AI. She leads the ETHIQAIS project, a deeptech initiative dedicated to documenting, monitoring, and aligning AI systems with the EU AI Act and international standards.



ETHIQAIS is a deeptech platform helping AI-driven companies manage risks, security, and compliance from a single, unified hub.



## Fabian Höger

### CEO

Fabian Höger is a graduate in business informatics (DH) and an experienced specialist in the field of software development and IT consulting. With over two decades of experience in the IT industry, he has acquired extensive knowledge in the areas of project management, requirements engineering, and software development. In August 2022, Fabian Höger and René Jennrich-Friederich founded Perspective Care GmbH.

Perspective Care GmbH allows care givers to AI sensors track movement, mobility, fall & ulcer risks, trigger instant emergency alerts, and automatically document all incidents.



## Clemens Hübner

### Software Security Engineer

For more than fifteen years, Clemens Hübner has been working at the interface between software and security. After roles as a software developer and in penetration testing, he joined inovex in 2018 as a software security engineer. Today, he supports development projects at the conception and implementation level, trains colleagues, and advises on DevSecOps.



inovex is an IT project center driven by innovation and quality, focusing its services on 'Digital Transformation'. Around 500 IT experts provide companies with comprehensive support in the digitalisation and agilisation of their core business and in the implementation of new digital use cases.



**TAGESSPIEGEL  
BACKGROUND**

## Alexandra Ketterer

### *Editor*

Alexandra Ketterer has been writing for the Tagesspiegel Background Digitalization & AI and Cybersecurity since September 2024. Previously she worked as a data journalism trainee at Süddeutsche Zeitung. She grew up in Freiburg, studied business administration, cultural studies and journalism in Berlin, Hildesheim and Leipzig.

Tagesspiegel Background is the B2B must-read from Berlin. The capital's largest political editorial team provides up-to-date analyses for decision-makers and experts from politics, business, science, ministries, associations and NGOs.



## Alexa Kunz

### *Deputy Managing Director and Head of the Methodology Lab*

Dr. Alexa Maria Kunz is a sociologist with roots in adult education. As Deputy Managing Director and Head of the Methodology Lab at KIT/HoC, she has a competence-oriented perspective on research and teaching. In her – often interdisciplinary and participatory – work she explores transversal competences, higher education systems and student life worlds.

The House of Competence is KIT's central academic institution for transversal education. Besides research and educational innovations, HoC offers ca. 250 courses/year and advice for all students.

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## Christoph Liphardt

### *Operations Management Consultant*

Christoph Liphardt is Operations Management Consultant at BLANC & FISCHER Corporate Services GmbH. An experienced project manager, he specializes in optimizing and digitalizing logistics and production processes. Previously, he advised leading automotive and industrial OEMs, analyzing their logistics systems and developing tailored optimization concepts. Today, he drives the digital transformation within the BLANC & FISCHER Family Holding – with a clear focus on both logistics and production.

As a group-wide unit, BLANC & FISCHER Corporate Services provides overarching management function and central services for the companies of the BLANC & FISCHER Family Holding.



## Tatevik Mkrtchyan

### *Competence & Leadership Leader*

Tatevik Mkrtchyan is team lead of the Competence team at IKEA in Germany. She is responsible for the strategic direction of IKEA Germany with regard to modern continuing education, training portfolios, upskilling and reskilling, skill management and topics related to new ways of learning. Her focus is on the democratisation of learning and the corresponding development of the organisation.

The IKEA vision is to create a better everyday life for the many people. The IKEA Brand unites more than 200.000 co-workers and hundreds of companies with different owners all over the world.





## Iris Pantle

### *Managing Partner*

Dr. Iris Pantle founded Falquez, Pantle und Pritz GbR with colleagues in 2013. She studied technical physics and entrepreneurship and earned her doctorate in mechanical engineering at KIT with a thesis on flow acoustics. After working in research and industry, including as an IT engineer for high-performance computers, she is now pursuing the goal of developing modern HPC applications for industry. She is also active as a lecturer and reviewer for EU-wide research projects.

Falquez, Pantle und Pritz GbR, a spin-off of KIT, helps companies predict flow noise and reduce noise from their equipment with its Nuberisim software platform.



## Philippe Rapin

### *CEO*

Philippe Rapin has more than a decade of experience in public-private partnerships, transport and urban planning. He founded Urban Radar after holding leadership positions at global engineering firm Mott MacDonald in Europe and the United States. In Europe, Philippe was specializing in public sector consulting. In the US, Philippe served as Vice Chairman and Board Member of the US National for Council for Public Private Partnerships in Washington DC.

Urban Radar is a mobility analytics software company. They help public and private urban players create value from the data generated by the mobility revolution and to tackle congestion, reduce air pollution.



## Maria Rill

*Department Manager Cybersecurity and Law and Deputy Data Protection Officer*

After studying Information Engineering and Management at KIT, Maria Rill joined the research Team at FZI in 2016 as a research associate. Maria has been head of legal research since 2023. Furthermore, she is deputy data protection officer at the FZI. Before joining the FZI, she worked at SAP SE for several years as research associate.

The FZI Research Center for Information Technology is an independent foundation conducting applied computer science research for over 35 years. It develops innovations for society, supports top researchers, and serves as a hub for research, training, and knowledge transfer for partners in industry, science, and the public sector.



## Philippe Robin

*CEO*

Philippe Robin is CEO of Alysophil : "Our generation must take up the challenge of providing more and more needs to the population while safeguarding the environment. This is especially true in the chemical industry. This field, which is dear to me, I want to develop it by relying on my experiences and expertise. The search for new models for the development and production of molecules drives me."

Alysophil is a French chemical production company using AI and continuous flow chemistry to create sustainable, cost-efficient, and safer fine chemistry solutions.





## Florian Schleißinger

### *Digital Solutions and Industrial AI Specialist*

Florian Schleissinger is a digital solutions and industrial AI specialist in Dieffenbacher's move to data-driven wood-panel manufacturing. As lead on the Evoris platform, he integrates machine-learning tools that sharpen transparency and efficiency on the line. An M.Sc. engineer from KIT, he pairs deep software and automation expertise with a passion for advancing industrial digitalization.

Dieffenbacher, family-owned and based in Eppingen, builds press systems and turnkey plants for the wood-based panels, composites, recycling and energy industries.

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## Ronald Schmidt

### *Auditor and Consultant Data Protection and Compliance*

Ronald Schmidt is an attorney since 1999. Auditor and project manager at TÜV Saarland certifications since 2017. He is developing artificial intelligence compliance auditing guidelines in accordance with the AI Act and international standards and is data protection officer and advising companies on issues including data protection and AI. He has published legal literature and is a lecturer.

TÜV Saarland Solutions GmbH is part of the TÜV Saarland Group and specializes in IT and data protection certifications in the non-accredited sector. Audit-based independent assessments are carried out in accordance with international standards such as ISO/IEC 27001, DIN EN 50600, BSI IT Baseline and relevant laws such as GDPR and TDDDG.

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## Ulrich Schmidt

### *Bosch Mobility AI Performance Hub Lead*

Uli Schmidt leads the Bosch Mobility AI Performance Hub. A passionate technology enthusiast, he strongly believes in the transformative power of artificial intelligence and other emerging digital technologies. His drive comes not only from a spirit of innovation, but also from a distinctly human-centered perspective: his goal is to help shape a future in which technology enriches lives and enables meaningful, sustainable progress.

Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. With its business activities, the company aims to use technology to help shape universal trends such as automation, digitalization, and an orientation to sustainability.



## Torsten Scholl

### *CEO and co-founder*

Torsten Scholl is an internationally experienced, Wall Street Journal-recognized serial Technology Entrepreneur and inventor. He created, developed, and successfully exited multiple technology companies. At Aitonomi he is responsible for technology innovation and corporate strategy, leading the company towards global outdoor automation, sensing and transportation electrification leadership.

Aitonomi develops Artificial Intelligence for outdoor automation and related innovations. Pillars of the company's proprietary developments include its AI self-driving platform, quantum-enhanced sensor intelligence and smart road technology.

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## Xenia Scholl

*COO and co-founder*

Xenia Scholl is Co-Founder and COO of Aitonomi AG. Xenia Scholl focuses on transport automation technology developments for vehicles of different sizes and shapes: from large industrial vehicles to small retail robots. Xenia Scholl successfully completed many national and international innovative projects for Coca-Cola Europacific Partners, LG Electronics, and Kansai Electric. She cooperates with international partners such as NEOM and TK Elevator.

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SICK

## Anatoly Sherman

*Director of Business Innovation*

Dr. Anatoly Sherman is the Director of Business Innovation for the Autonomous Perception Portfolio at SICK. Previously, he successfully established SICK's 3D camera business and led the corresponding business unit. His current focus is on identifying and driving innovative business opportunities to advance autonomy and digitalization across industrial sectors.

As a technology and market leader, SICK provides sensor intelligence and application solutions that create the perfect basis for controlling processes securely and efficiently, protecting individuals from accidents, and preventing damage to the environment.



## Gennadi Schermann

### CEO

Gennadi Schermann is the CEO of DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH in Karlsruhe. As a business engineer with experience in China, Finland, and Greece, he drives the advancement of AI and cybersecurity in Europe, particularly through his role in the European Digital Innovation Hub AI and Cybersecurity (EDIH-AICS). His work focuses on building ecosystems that promote collaboration among research institutions, businesses, startups, and the public sector.

DIZ | Digitales Innovationszentrum GmbH empowers companies and public organizations to leverage digital innovation and drives collaboration between research, startups, and established businesses, ensuring the successful adoption of technologies.



## Elias Schneider

### Co-founder and CEO

Elias Schneider is co-founder and CEO of Karlsruhe-based start-up Codesphere, a sovereign multi-cloud platform for modern software development. He began studying computer science at the age of 15 and later worked at SAP and Google. There, he recognised the fragmented nature of development tools and founded Codesphere in 2020 to give companies and developers back control and independence.

Codesphere combines development, deployment and operations on a single platform, allowing teams to work faster, more efficiently and more securely, both in the cloud and on-premises.



## Alban Schmutz

### CEO

Alban Schmutz has over 25+ years of successful and diversified experience in self-starting businesses and public affairs strategies in the IT/Cloud computing markets with a strong expertise of driving success with internal and external key stakeholders (including competitors or governments/regulators). He is passionate about both defining the strategy and execution to transform the vision into operational success on the short term.

Cloud Data Engine (CDE) is redefining the digital landscape with cutting-edge cloud solutions and data management services aligned with Gaia-X standards.



## Lucilla Sioli

### Director of the „EU AI Office“

Lucilla Sioli is the Director of the „EU AI Office“ within Directorate-General CONNECT at the European Commission. She is responsible for the coordination of the European AI strategy, including the implementation of the AI Act and international collaboration in trustworthy AI and AI for good. Lucilla holds a PhD in economics from the University of Southampton (UK) and one from the Catholic University of Milan (Italy) and has been a civil servant with the European Commission since 1997.

The European AI Office supports the development and use of trustworthy AI, while protecting against AI risks. The EU AI Office is also responsible for R&D&I activities in AI and for the coordination of the AI Continent Action Plan and the Apply AI Strategy.







## Luc Soler

### CEO

Prof. Luc Soler is CEO of Visible Patient Lab, professor at the University of Strasbourg, and member of the French Academy of Surgery. He specializes in computer-assisted surgery, 3D modeling, and medical AI, and was past scientific director at IRCAD France. He is an expert in medical imaging and surgical innovation.

VISIBLE PATIENT LAB is an online medical image analysis laboratory. The company specialises in 3D modelling of organs from medical images (CT or MRI scans).



## Andreas Wierse

### Managing Director

Dr. Andreas Wierse has been managing director of SICOS BW GmbH since 2011. He studied mathematics and earned his doctorate in engineering sciences at the University of Stuttgart. His focus is on advancing technology transfer in the areas of high-performance computing and artificial intelligence at the interface between research and industry. Among other things, he is active as an expert advisor for the EU in several projects in this field.

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## WHERE TO FIND THE BREAKOUT SESSION ROOMS

- 1 Main Event Room & Registration
- 2 Feco Lounge
- 3 Church



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The event registration is in front of the Main Event Room. 1





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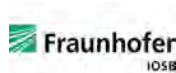
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