



Innovation & Equity in Life Sciences

Tuesday, 15th Sept 2026

German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ),
Heidelberg

The Summit for Founders,
Investors & Innovators
in Health and Life Sciences

WE ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY !

Scan to Register
Deadline: 31st July 2026



No on-site registration!

09:00 h	Doors open & Check-in	14:50 h	COFFEE & SNACKS
09:20 h	WELCOME Silke Uhrig-Schmidt (DKFZ) Marieke Essers (DKFZ & HI-STEM gGmbH)	15:15 h	Session III (Moderator: Jennifer Smith) INVESTOR KEYNOTE
09:30 h	Session I (Moderator: Jennifer Smith) INSPIRING KEYNOTE	15:30 h	PANEL DISCUSSION: Building high-growth, inclusive ecosystems Manasi Aichmueller-Ratnaparkhe (PAICON Holding GmbH) Ina Schlie (encourageventures e.V.) Ali Alam (ESMT GmbH)
09:45 h	Early-stage startup pitches		
10:50 h	COFFEE & SNACKS	16:00 h	CLOSING REMARKS
11:15 h	Rising startup pitches	16:10 h	Networking
12:15 h	LUNCH Meet-the-Founders Tables Founder & Investor Speed Dating	17:00 h	END
14:00 h	Session II (Moderator: Silke Uhrig-Schmidt) FOUNDER KEYNOTE		
14:15 h	PANEL DISCUSSION: Translation of biomedical innovations Elke Luger (National Network Office GCT Germany @ BIH) Ann-Kristin Müller (BioLabs) Patrick Schmidt (NCT Heidelberg & CIT gGmbH) Natalya Baltrukovich (Co-Founder, Board Member and Investor)		

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