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Since 2008, BIO.NRW has been the official biotechnology network of the German federal state North Rhine-Westphalia. We support the sustainable development of the state's biotech sector by building on NRW's strengths in industrial and pharmaceutical biotechnology, the bioeconomy, and enabling technologies. BIO.NRW actively supports the implementation of life science technologies, which are key to answering the most challenging issues of our society. As the umbrella organisation for biotechnology in NRW, we bring together organisations and stakeholders on a regional, national, and international level. This includes cooperation and joint projects as well as communication and PR with target groups and the public. In addition, BIO.NRW collects and publishes data on NRW as a biotech location.

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The Times They Are A-Changin´

12:30 **Registration and finger food**

13:00 **Welcome address**

Minister Mona Neubaur, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

Short introduction

Dr. Bernward Garthoff, CEO, BIO Clustermanagement NRW GmbH, Düsseldorf

13:30 **Session 1:**

Update on the scene and last business quarters.

What is left of the promises – and what are the prospects?

New insight on the founder’s community in Germany – and what does it mean for our future?

Florian Nöll, Partner - Global Corporate Venturing & EMEA Startups Scaleups Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin

Why starting a novel venture still works, particularly in the context of a special institution such as SPRIND?

Dr. Nicolas Krink, Senior Business and Research Analyst and Innovation Manager, Bundesagentur für Sprunginnovationen – SPRIND, Leipzig

Charting a course for a resilient and competitive future:

Bio Innovation in NRW

Dr. Christian Feiler, Head of Department for biotechnology, bioeconomy, health economy, food industry, patent exploitation, textile industry, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

Data and Diagnostics

Fernando Beils, Senior Vice President, Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Business Area, Qiagen GmbH, Hilden

14:30 **Coffee break**



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Discussion 1:

Everybody talks about bureaucracy – is there actually less bureaucracy?

Alexander Müller, Partner, Earlybird Venture Capital, Köln/ Berlin*

Johannes Velling, Director General "Digitalization and Startups", Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

Dr. Nicolas Krink, Senior Business and Research Analyst, Innovation Manager, SPRIND, Leipzig

Daniel Donadille, President & CEO, aquila biolabs GmbH / SBI, Inc., Baesweiler

Florian Nöll, Partner - Global Corporate Venturing &

EMEA Startups Scaleups Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin

15:20

Session 2:

Financing: business as usual? What has changed since the development of the Covid vaccine?

Public Funds

Dr. Marek Kozlowski, Senior Investment Director, NRW.Venture/ NRW.BANK, Düsseldorf*

Kay Balster, Principal, High-Tech Gründerfonds GmbH, Bonn*

Business Angel

What motivates investments as a business angel?

Dr. Arasch Bareksei, Business Angel, BIO.NRW Circle and CEO, Kapitalkraft, Düsseldorf*

Private Funds

Gonçalo Rebelo De Andrade, Partner Indaco BIO Fund, Indaco Venture Partners Sgr, Milano/Italy*

Global Enterprises

Dr. Karl Collins, Senior Program Lead, LifeHub Monheim Bayer CropScience AG, Monheim*

16:20

Coffee break



16:40

Session 3:

How can issues be resolved from a start-up point of view?

Creditworthiness of SMEs and start-ups – what does this mean?

Roland Reiser, Head of Sales at Credit Services Division,
Creditreform Gruppe, Neuss

Securing your IP in a changing environment

Dr. Julia Traumann, Legal Director, Pinsent Masons, München

**How to effectively manage conflicts between shareholders and partners
with mediation**

Dr. Susanne Perker, Lawyer and Mediator, GOCKEL & PERKER
RECHTSANWÄLTE, Hamburg

17:25

Discussion 2:

**Will the life science start-up scene ever be the same again?
What is the way forward?**

Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h.c. Detlev Riesner, Private Investor*

Dr. Anke Empting, Partner, Head of Düsseldorf Office, Co-Head of German
Public & Regulatory, Pinsent Masons, Düsseldorf

Roland Reiser, Head of Sales at Credit Services Division,
Creditreform Gruppe, Neuss

Ingo Klöckner, "LEAPS" Project, Bayer AG, Berlin

18:00

End of congress

18:15

Drinks & networking

19:00

Networking dinner

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