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MARCH 11, 2025

RHEINBLICK 741, Pariser Straße 41, Düsseldorf

12:30 Registration & Fingerfood

01:00 Opening & Short Introduction

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

01:10 Session 1:

Navigating the future?

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

What does it take to flourish (again): requests to a new government

Dr. Nikolaus Paffenholz, Managing Director Business Services, IHK Düsseldorf

**Recent developments in the financing eco-system - what to expect from
public tools? *In dialogue***

Prof Dr. Dirk Honold, Technische Hochschule Nürnberg and Serial
Entrepreneur

**SAFE as bridge financing - more than just an alternative to a convertible
loan**

Dr. Benjamin Monheim, Partner, Osborne Clarke*, Cologne

02:00 Coffee break

02:15

Session 2:

The tide of truth: a look back at the last years in the investment ocean

Moderation: Dr. Georg Kääh, Leitender Redakteur, transkript, Berlin

Round up of investments:

“Emergence Therapeutics”: an example in Europe and NRW
Podium with impulse introduction by:

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

Dr. Anke Caßing, Principal, High-tech Gründerfonds GmbH*, Bonn

Daniel Parera, M.D., Partner Germany, Kurma Partners, Munich

Further examples of NRW.Bank, High Tech Gründerfonds and other Fonds:

“Invest into the West”

- Dr. Bernd Hoffmann, CEO, CSO & Co-Founder, SRTD biotech, Jülich
- Dr. Bert Klebl, Managing Director & CSO at Lead Discovery Center, Dortmund and Manager of Khanu/ KHAN-I Fonds
- Prof. Dr. Jürgen Eckel, CEO, CureDiab Metabolic Research GmbH, Düsseldorf

03:15

Plenum 1:

Lighthouses of Success: Are BioNtech, Qiagen, EvoTec and Miltenyi unique in the German Biotech Scene?

Moderation: Dr. Georg Kääh, Leitender Redakteur, transkript, Berlin

Dr. Bettina Möckel, Vice President Corp. Business Developm., Qiagen GmbH*, Hilden & Chairwoman of BioRiver e.V.

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

Dr. Bert Klebl, Managing Director & CSO at Lead Discovery Center, Dortmund and Manager of Khanu/ KHAN-I Fonds

Matthias Guth, Venture Partner, MIG Capital AG, Munich

Session and Plenum co-organized with „transkript“, Berlin

03:45

Coffee break

04:00

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

04:30

Session 3:

Deep dive into the investment pool

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

From Broad to Focused: How a Family Office Refined Its Direct Investment Strategy in Life Sciences

Max Chodura**, CEO, Madera Ventures GmbH (Family Office F. Holzer GmbH), St Ingbert

Women Investing with Impact: How Female-Led Capital Drives Value in Startups

Sophie Descollaz, Business Angelista, Angelista Squad, Bottrop

Crowd funding 2.0

EU ECSPR and NL STAK (Stichting Administrator Kantoor): Issues?

Dr. Lysander Heigl**, Attorney-at-Law, Tax Expert, Cert. Public Auditor, Partner with FRANKUS Tax Legal Finance, Düsseldorf

Procedure of investments with crowd funding

Lukas Linn, Investment Manager & Lead Venture Capital, Invesdor INV AG, Berlin/Frankfurt

- by example:

- 1- Thomas Klein, CEO, PIRCHE AG, Grünwald

- 2- Bas van Wieringen, CEO and co-founder, PeelPioneers B.V., Den Bosch

05:30

Plenum 2:

Will there ever be a general overall (German) Concept?

Crossing Oceans: Evaluating Germany's Funding Landscape Against Global Trends

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

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

Max Chodura**, CEO, Madera Ventures GmbH (Family Office F. Holzer GmbH), St Ingbert

Roland Oetker**, Managing Partner, ROI Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Düsseldorf

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

Dr. Claas Heise, Head of Venture and Seed Capital Department, NRW.BANK, Düsseldorf (*Requested*)

06:00

End of Congress

06:00

Drinks & Networking

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07:00

Networking Dinner

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