



Press Info

ECP - The First Industry Speed Dating Event

7th ECP 2023 - The First Industry Speed Dating Event starts in Düsseldorf at the Global Entrepreneurship Centre (GEC)

- 22nd – 23rd of February 2023, first day live and digital, second day digital
- Opening day with live panels on mobility and agriculture plus live partnering
- Two days non-stop “digital international partnering” plus digital pitches and workshops

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*In February 2023 for the first time again in presence and hybrid, live from Düsseldorf. The **Global Entrepreneurship Centre (GEC)**, the unique international startup initiative in North Rhine-Westphalia, will be the co-host of the ECP. The first day of the ECP starts live in Düsseldorf with two top-class panels. The second day features a fully digital program. While the kick-off day will be held in presence, the “digital partnering” is unlocked for the full two days.*

The ECP starts from the Areal Böhler in Düsseldorf with two interdisciplinary panels around the topic of sustainability: "Agriculture" and "Mobility" are the focus, two sustainability areas for the scaling activities of the Global Entrepreneurship Centre. On the second partnering day, there will also be a supporting program where the GEC will internationally present itself with its other core sectors food, textiles and construction, offering discussions, startup pitches and workshops.

Friedrich Barth, CEO and founder of the Global Entrepreneurship Centre, says: *"Our goal is to help shape the economic, ecological and social transformation towards a responsible, non-fossil circular economy by promoting sustainable deep tech. We do this by working with our professional network partners to help startups at technology-readiness-level 5 and above scale their sustainable innovations. We will present the preliminary milestones of the qualified entrepreneurs of our Catalyst and Factory programs to-date at the 7th ECP. In working with Holger Bengs and his team, we value the opportunity to bring forward the topic of sustainability to the community via high-growth startups, while actively shaping the transformation to a green economy with established industry partners who are important facilitators for market entry."*

"The seventh ECP in February in uninterrupted sequence, the tenth ECP in total, we are very proud and excited to make a difference with the ECP and bring creative people together for a better, a more sustainable world", says ECP initiator Dr. Holger Bengs, and continues, "Especially the partnership between the Global Entrepreneurship Centre and the ECP moves the community to the next level; at BCNP we are excited to cooperate with such a dedicated and professional team around Friedrich Barth and Sebastian Gronwald and thus contribute to making our common world a little bit better, step by step."

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Background:

Sustainability and the transformation of industry toward a bioeconomy that dispenses with fossil raw materials are driving industrial and social change in all sectors. 97 percent of all products contain at least



one chemical process step. The path to a biologization of basic and application industries has long since been set in motion, and the pace of change is accelerating: renewable raw materials, enzymes, industrial biotechnology, new processes, products from residual materials, digitalization, and many more are changing the processes in chemical value creation and radiating into all industries such as nutrition, construction and housing, health, energy, mobility, textiles, work and leisure, basic supply, packaging and more, from purchasing logistics and production to marketing and sales. Interdisciplinary exchange is gaining in importance. With the ECP, an international chemistry community is growing that wants to derive more innovation from what already exists.

Further Information: ECP [Homepage](#)

ECP: A brief overview

The ECP in presence and digital is a top-class event format that focuses on the exchange about innovations along the industrial value chain and circular economy. It is aimed at decision makers, innovation managers and investors from across the diversity of industry. The ECP consists of the elements keynote speech, partnering, pitches, break-out sessions, workshops, closing panel and especially networking opportunities: Companies can present their innovations in short talks and arrange meetings in advance via a software tool (partnering). Satellite events, offered together with cooperation partners, underline the importance as a marketplace and meeting point for decision makers. The ECP was conceived and initiated by Dr. Holger Bengs, Managing Director of BCNP Consultants GmbH. It has been held since 2017, twice a year since 2018. Since September 2020, the ECP is also available in a digital version.

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