

De-TECH FINAL EVENT 2026

Welcome to Hannover!

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Dear Guests, Partners and Participants,

as Dean of the Leibniz University's Faculty of Natural Sciences and as Director of the ITE – Institute of Innovation Research, Technology Management & Entrepreneurship, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all here in Hanover for our De-TECH Final Event 2026.



The event brings together academia, innovative start-ups, and industry partners from across Europe. They have been working over the past few months to develop novel approaches reflecting real-world challenges and devising practical, solution-oriented concepts, reflecting the core idea of the De-TECH initiative: To strengthen the link between academic research and practical application while fostering the development of tech-based innovations with social and economic impact.

The program for our De-TECH Final Event in Hannover combines venture pitches, tech challenges, and networking opportunities, as well as providing space for discussions and exchange where different perspectives come together and innovative ideas are born.

We look forward to hosting this year's event in Hannover, the capital of Lower Saxony, at the historic premises of the Leibniz House. The venue, associated with the visionary thinker and namesake of our university – whose ideas still shape modern science and technology as well as future society – will certainly provide an inspiring environment for dialogue and collaboration.

We wish that your stay in Hannover will offer valuable insights, sparking innovative approaches and collaborations for the global challenges we are facing today and tomorrow.

Best regards

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 Technology Management & Entrepreneurship
 Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences
 at Leibniz University Hannover



Programme

Pre-Event | July 6, 2026

Location: [Leibniz House](#)

16:00	Get-Together at Leibniz House Participant arrival and welcome
16:30	Participants will have two options to choose from: <i>Option A:</i> Visit to Leibniz University Hannover, including: Einstein Elevator <i>Option B:</i> Pitch Rehearsal with a Professional Pitch Trainer
18:30	Guided City tour of Hannover
20:00	Drinks and food at Schützenfest Informal networking in a traditional setting

Competition & Demo Day | July 7, 2027

Location: [Leibniz House](#)

09:00	Welcome & Registration Participant check-in Morning coffee and networking
09:45	Opening Remarks Welcome words Introduction to the Deep Tech European Venture Builder Competition 2026 (incl. teams and Advisory Board / Jury members) Overview of the day's agenda
10:30	Keynote Session Inspirational talk by a leading figure in deep-tech innovation
11:00	Coffee Break

11:20	Venture Pitch Session Part I 7 teams present their ventures (10 minutes pitch + 5 minutes Q&A each)	11:20	Workshop Session Part I Tech Challenge
13:30	Networking Lunch		
14:30	Venture Pitch Session Part II 4 teams present their ventures (10 minutes pitch + 5 minutes Q&A each)	14:30	Workshop Session Part II Tech Challenge
15:45	Coffee Break		
16:00	Venture Pitch Session Part III 4 teams present their ventures (10 minutes pitch + 5 minutes Q&A each)	16:00	Final Presentation & Cerenomy Tech Challenge
17:15	Coffee Break & Jury Deliberation		
17:45	Awards Cerenomy & Closing Announcement of winners Presentation of certificates and prizes Group photo and closing remarks		
18:15	Evening Reception Informal networking dinner Public viewing of World Cup matches		

Meeting Venue

The **LEIBNIZHAUS** is one of Hannover's most iconic historical landmarks, named after the philosopher and polymath **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz**, who lived and worked here from 1698 to 1716. The original Renaissance townhouse, built in 1499, once stood in Hannover's old town and later housed the court library, where Leibniz served as librarian and advisor.



The building was destroyed during World War II, but its richly decorated 1652 Baroque façade was meticulously reconstructed in 1983 at its current location. Today, the Leibnizhaus serves as a guest and conference venue for academic and cultural events, continuing the spirit of intellectual exchange associated with Leibniz himself.



Leibnizhaus

ADDRESS

[Holzmarkt 5, 30159 Hannover](#)

HOW DO I GET THERE?

We recommend public transportation. The nearest tram stops are:

- 🚊 Markthalle/Landtag
- 🚊 Kröpcke
- 🚊 Steintor



Hannah-Arendt-Saal



Leibnizsaal



Kamarschraum

Public Transportation

The transportation in Hannover is executed by the company üstra. You can buy tickets at the tram stations, but you can also use the [app](#) for Android or iOS.



HANNOVER AIRPORT (HANNOVER AIRPORT) is well connected to the city centre by public transport.

The most convenient option is the suburban railway (S-Bahn). The S5 line (Hannover S-Bahn) runs directly from the airport to Hannover Central Station. Trains depart approximately every 30 minutes, and the journey takes around 17 minutes. The station is located directly at Terminal C and can be easily reached on foot from all terminals.



You can buy either a single ticket (4,70 €) or a day ticket (9,40 €). The day ticket is only recommended if you plan to take more than this trips on that day.

Where to stay?



You can look for hotels and other accommodations on the usual websites such as booking.com. The following hotels are closeby to the event venue. However, of course you're free to book another hotel if you like.

IntercityHotel Hannover
Rosenstraße 1, 30159 Hannover

Motel One Hannover-Oper
Georgstraße 52, 30159 Hannover

Hotel Central Hannover
Seilwinderstraße 2, 30159 Hannover

(Social) Activities

The Einstein Elevator is a research facility designed as the next generation of a classical drop tower. It enables experiments under conditions of microgravity with an exceptionally high repetition rate. The facility is part of the Hannover Institute of Technology (HITec) at Leibniz University Hannover. Research conducted here spans multiple disciplines, including physics, materials science, production engineering, biotechnology, biology, and medicine.



The system is a remarkable example of interdisciplinary engineering: it combines drive technology inspired by roller coasters with the precision of machine tools, guidance systems from elevator engineering, carbon fiber materials from yacht construction, and structural components from classical mechanical engineering.

A unique drive and guidance concept provides key advantages over conventional drop towers and other microgravity facilities. The system achieves extremely high microgravity precision (below 10^{-6} g), supports payloads of up to 1,000 kg, and benefits from a comparatively small vacuum volume. Most notably, it allows for up to 300 experiments per day, enabling highly efficient and rapid research campaigns.



The Schützenfest Hannover, held on the approximately ten-hectare Schützenplatz in Hannover, is considered the largest Schützenfest in the world. Its origins date back to the 15th century. A Schützenfest is a traditional public festival rooted in the historical gatherings of marksmen's associations. A central traditional element is a shooting competition.

The ten-day event attracts around 900,000 visitors each year, occasionally exceeding one million. Approximately 200 fairground operators participate, offering attractions such as Ferris wheels and roller coasters. A traditional local drink associated with the festival is the Lüttje Lage, a regional specialty consisting of a special beer and a shot of Korn (liquor), consumed using a distinctive drinking technique.



Fairground of the Schützenfest



Festive parade through the city centre



Fairground of the Schützenfest

Hannover

Hannover, the capital of Lower Saxony, Germany, is a dynamic city with approximately 535,000 residents. Renowned for its international trade fairs, Hannover boasts the world's largest exhibition center, hosting events like the Hannover Messe. The city seamlessly blends historical charm with modernity, featuring landmarks such as the New Town Hall and the Herrenhausen Gardens. Hannover is also a green city, offering numerous parks and the expansive Eilenriede forest, providing ample recreational opportunities. Its rich cultural scene includes theaters, museums, and a vibrant music community, making Hannover a compelling destination for visitors.



Statue of Ernst August in front of the train station



Part of the Red Thread in the city centre of Hannover

The Red Thread ("Roter Faden") is a 4.2 km long red line painted on the pavement, guiding visitors through Hannover's city center to 36 significant landmarks. Starting at the Tourist Information opposite the main train station, it provides an accessible self-guided tour, allowing exploration of the city's history and architecture at one's own pace. (visit-hannover.com)

New Town Hall (Neues Rathaus)

Completed in 1913, the New Town Hall is an architectural masterpiece resembling a castle. Its dome offers panoramic views of the city, accessible via a unique diagonal elevator. The building's opulent interiors and historical exhibits make it a must-visit.



New Town Hall

Herrenhausen Gardens (Herrenhäuser Gärten)

These baroque-style gardens are among Europe's most distinguished. Featuring meticulously manicured lawns, ornate fountains, and the impressive Herrenhausen Palace, the gardens reflect the grandeur of 17th-century landscape design.

It holds several cultural events throughout the year such as the International fireworks competition as well as the Small festival in the large garden (July 2 to 16, 2026).



The Great Garden of Herrenhausen Gardens



The Maschsee with the stadion in the background

Maschsee

The **Maschsee** is an artificial lake located in the heart of Hannover, Germany. Constructed between 1934 and 1936, it spans approximately 78 hectares and serves as a popular recreational area for both residents and visitors. The lake offers a variety of activities, including sailing, rowing, and pedal boating. Surrounding the Maschsee are well-maintained walking and cycling paths, as well as green spaces ideal for picnics and relaxation. Throughout the year, the area hosts numerous events, such as the annual Maschsee Festival, which features live music, food stalls, and cultural performances.

Leibniz University Hannover

The heart of **Leibniz University Hannover** beats in the idyllic Welfenschloss, the Guelph Palace. The year 1879 saw the Higher Vocational School, originally founded in 1831, move into the palace. Later, the Higher Vocational School became the Königliche Technische Hochschule, the Royal College of Technology. While 64 pupils first attended the Vocational School, the university now has around 30.000 students. More than 3.100 academics and scientists work at the university in 9 faculties with around 150 departments and institutes.



The main building of LUH (Welfenschloss) surrounded by the Welfengarten in autumn

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