

# Digital Week Dortmund International

Special Session for start-ups

# DIWODO2024: A DECENTRALISED FESTIVAL (Vol. 8) FOCUSING ON DIGITALIZATION, TECHNOLOGIES, AND INNOVATIONS

As a decentralized festival on digitalization, #diwodo attracts thousands of visitors every year to Dortmund companies, institutions, networks, and scientific institutions to jointly talk about digitalization, technologies and innovations. The Digital Week Dortmund is an offer of the Economic Development Agency Dortmund which provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience, the promotion of innovations & thus the strengthening of the local economy. The event covers a wide range of topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Digital Transformation, Smart Cities, Entrepreneurship and much more.

#### MONDAY | 23rd September



Reception @townhall



Kickoff @Dortmunder U, intro to ecosystem

#### TUESDAY | 24th September



Meeting with innovation stakeholders Workshop: How to not f\*\*k up your international expansion



Business Networking Lunch
@Digital Harbour quarter



Dortmund's success stories:

Lake PHOENIX and PHOENIX West



start2grow Match and Party

Get connected with the start-up ecosystem

# WEDNESDAY| 25th September

Welcome to one of Europe's biggest technology parks

- → Labtour @Fraunhofer IML
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- → Meet and Greet with EDIH-DO (European Digital Innovation Hub Dortmund)
- → (International) start-ups: their Dortmund stories
- → Joint Lunch



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### MONDAY | 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Meet & Greet @hotel

Welcome to Dortmund Part 1: Introduction & Networking

Reception @townhall

Welcome to Dortmund Part 2: Reception & Networking



Digital Week Dortmund Kickoff @Dortmunder U

Gain visibility via a digital exhibition on-site & connect with the ecosystem Highlights: IT Solutions Award, After-Show-Party

### TUESDAY | 24th September

Meeting & Workshop

Meeting with innovation stakeholders at Dortmund's industry campus: social innovation, greenhouse.ruhr & digital workbench

Workshop: How to not fuck up your international expansion to Germany with <u>Gernot Schwendtner</u>, international start-up coach, from Upvisor

Business Lunch

Get connected with like-minded people @Heimathafen, Nansen

Dortmund's success stories

<u>Lake PHOENIX</u>: Transformation of a former steelworks area to an urban quarter with business, living & leisure activities

<u>PHOENIX WEST</u>: "the" location for micro and nanotechnology, IT & production technology, visit to the <u>Center for Production Technology</u> (ZfP)

Berman Brewery: "Hard work, honest reward" – a local start-up story

**Phoenix des Lumières**: Immersive Art Exhibition – a French expansion story



Join us for the beginning of Germany's most prestigious and long-standing business plan competition that includes a substantial network of mentors, coaches, former founders & investors at <a href="mailto:adesso's">adesso's</a> new headquarters

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Al Arena, <u>Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics IML</u>: Visit the world's largest logistics research institute

**EDIH-DO:** European Digital Innovation Hub Dortmund

Joint Lunch

Joint Lunch at the university and summary of Digital Week Dortmund International