

PROGRAM CONFERENCE | MAY 27, 2026

European Policy for Innovation, Transformation and Employment

17:00	Arrival and Registration	Snacks & Beverages
17:30	Welcome	
	Rainer Steffens	Director, Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union
	Monika Jones	Moderator
17:40	Opening	
	Tanja Gönner	Director General, Federation of German Industries, BDI
17:45	Impulses	
	Frank Wetzel	Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, BMW
	Andreas Schwarz	Head of Cabinet, EU-Commissioner for Startups, Innovation and Research
18:05	Interview	
	Michael Kahnert	Manager Governmental Affairs, Miltenyi Biotec
	Clemens Elskamp	Development Engineer and Member of the Workers' Council, Infineon Technologies
18:25	Panel	
	Tanja Gönner	Director General, Federation of German Industries, BDI
	Isabel Riaño Ibanez	Director General, Council of the European Union
	Jürgen Kerner	Second Chairman, German Metalworkers' Union, IG Metall
	Andreas Schwarz	Head of Cabinet, EU-Commissioner for Startups, Innovation and Research
	Frank Wetzel	Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, BMW
19:25	Closing Remarks	
	Jürgen Kerner	Second Chairman, German Metalworkers' Union, IG Metall
19:30	Get-Together	Food & Wine Stand: 20.05.2026

Location

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