About Lions, Unicorns, and “Freigeister” – An Evening with Frank Thelen

The Karlsruhe Startup Alliance and KIT Bring the “Lions’ Den” to Karlsruhe – Live Event on October 02, 2018 at KIT’s Main Lecture Hall

Entrepreneur and investor Frank Thelen is known as one of the lions in the German TV show “Lions’ Den.” (Photo: Ben Fuchs © Frank Thelen)

The Gründerallianz Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe Startup Alliance) and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) will bring the known entrepreneur and investor Frank Thelen to the deep-tech and IT startup scene in Karlsruhe on October 02, 2018. Under the heading of “Von Löwen, Einhörnern und Freigeistern” (About lions, unicorns, and free spirits), Frank Thelen, who has joined the German version of the TV show “Dragons’ Den” called “Die Höhle der Löwen” (Lions’ Den), will provide insight in his career. In addition, five startups from Karlsruhe will pitch for a surprise award in front of Frank Thelen and other jury members. The event will be in German.

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Program

16.30 hrs  Einlass (Admission)
17.00 hrs  Veranstaltungsbeginn und Grußwort der Gastgeber (Start and welcome addresses of the hosts)
17.30 hrs  Keynote von Frank Thelen (Keynote by Frank Thelen)
18.30 hrs  Pitch-Event und Preisverleihung (Startup pitch and award ceremony)
19.30 hrs  Networking (Networking)
22.00 hrs  Veranstaltungsende (End of event)

About the Gründerallianz (Startup Alliance)

The Karlsruhe Startup Alliance is a strong regional network of all relevant actors in supporting startups and businesses as well as of representatives of research and academic education. Here, interested persons are offered a large range of consultancy services and startup initiatives with qualified contact persons. All network partners want to optimally accompany and support startup initiatives. Among the partners are the Chambers, the municipal business support office, the Technologiefabrik, the CyberForum, KIT, other universities, and a number of startup initiatives.

More information: www.gruenderallianz.de (in German only)

About the KIT Founders Forge

The KIT Founders Forge as part of the strategic area of action of “Innovation” of KIT was established to extend and pool existing activities to support startups at KIT. The Founders Forge encourages and trains students and scientific employees to think and act as entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs and startups are supported to make innovations a success and to act in a responsible way. Accordingly, KIT sees itself as a regional and international Founders Forge for the establishment of innovative businesses and technology transfer.

More information: www.gruenderschmiede.de (in German only)

Further material:

KIT offers many services for young entrepreneurs, which range from courses and coaching to events and networks, to consultancy and establishment of contacts to industry. Our research podcast on “Gründen lernen” (in German only) gives an overview:
www.sek.kit.edu/2203_4207.php
(Photo: Sandra Goettisheim)

The Center for Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship (CIE) of KIT is the first contact point for students interested in establishing startups. Events, such as the regular “Gründergrillen” (barbecue party for founders), are ideal for networking:
http://cie.kit.de/ (Photo: Patrick Langer)

More information on students’ startups at KIT can be found in the dossier of our online magazine clickKIT: http://multimedia.hd-campus.tv/gruender#5428 (in German only).
Being “The Research University in the Helmholtz Association,” KIT creates and imparts knowledge for the society and the environment. It is the objective to make significant contributions to the global challenges in the fields of energy, mobility and information. For this, about 9,300 employees cooperate in a broad range of disciplines in natural sciences, engineering sciences, economics, and the humanities and social sciences. KIT prepares its 25,500 students for responsible tasks in society, industry, and science by offering research-based study programs. Innovation efforts at KIT build a bridge between important scientific findings and their application for the benefit of society, economic prosperity, and the preservation of our natural basis of life.


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