

30th Watervent, october 25th, Berlin, Chamber of Commerce

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Watervent is not a congress but a matching forum dedicated to support startups. All speakers, startups and attendees will be invited in two zooms to acquaint in advance of the forum.

Innovators First!

To avoid the chicken-egg challenge we are calling now innovators on stage!

october 24th

6 p.m. Kickoff Reception for sponsors, speakers & presenters only

Host: Forvis Mazars, Alt-Moabit 2 , 10557 Berlin (close to main station Berlin)

october 25th

8 a.m. **Registration**

Registration on site welcome, Setup Booths, info desks, ...

- Coffee and pastries

9.30 a.m. **Welcome**

- Aqseptence Group GmbH, Baldassare La Gaetana, CEO
- BÜFA Cleaning GmbH & Co. KG, Sebastian Specht, Geschäftsführer/Managing Director
- Forvis Mazars (Berlin), Ralf Bierent, Partner
- Berliner Wasser Betriebe - Berlin Water Utility, Regina Gnirß, Director R&D
- Schörnborner Armaturen GmbH, Innovation Cluster Water Brandenburg, Thomas Ebert & Lisa Mammitzsch
- WaterVent, Ulf Leonhard

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10.00 a.m.

Introduction panel by reknown water experts and experienced investors (VC) – 12- 15

- ORCA Consulting Group GmbH (Investor, Expert),
Dr. Jörg Nowak „Lessons learnt from 15 years of water tech investments“
- Fraunhofer-IOSB (Research Institution & Spinoffs in water tech),
Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Thomas Rauschenbach, Director, Applied Systems (AST),
Speaker Fraunhofer Alliance SysWater
- Xylem, Gunnar Bruegmann
- Gelsenwasser AG (Utility), Dr. Arnt Baer
- Aquatech Global (Netherlands), Atlantean Media (Expert), Tom Freyberg
- White Stage Investing (CH) (Investor), Nicola Rei Ravello
- Aliaxis (CVC, Investor), Fabian Seunier
- DECHEMA e. V. , Department Water Management,
Head of Department (Association of Water Users), Dr. Thomas Track
- Alpha Impact Partners, Denmark (Investor, Expert), Patrik Gustavsson
- WIPO Green UN, Geneva (Incubator), Anja von der Ropp
- Cycle Capital , Canada (Investor), Simon Olivier
- AquaAction, Canada (Incubator), Soula Chronopoulos
- Future Forest Initiative (Germany) (Incubator), Björn Kaminski
- Falling Walls Foundation (Germany) (Incubator, Network), Danielle Metzler
- Technical University of Berlin, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Matthias Barjenbruch,
Challenges and Solution for water
- Illuminem „Chief Earth Officer“ (CEO) & founder (Italy) (Research, Network), Andrea Gori
- Isle Utilities (UK), (Incubator, Accelerator), Ben Tam
- Earth05 (UK), (Incubator, Accelerator), Maria Darieh
- German Water Partnership (Germany, Association & Network), Rebekka Neef

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11.15 a.m. * **Innovators I**

Remote sessions from Australia. Remote pitches for innovators from South Africa. India, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea

Introduction (remote)

Founder of Our Future Water, New Zealand (expert), Robert Brears

12.00 p.m. * **Coffee break**

12.20 p.m. * **Innovators II (12)**

Introduction

up2e! GmbH, SKion Water Group, Ulla Pöschl

1.30 p.m. **Lunch**

2.15 p.m. **Innovators III (12)**

Intro by: High-Tech Gründerfonds/Founder Fund (Germany) (Investor), Johannes Weber

3.30 p.m. * **Coffee break**

3.50 p.m. **Innovators IV (12)**

5.00 p.m. **Coffee break**

5.20 p.m. * **Innovators V: Remote pitches for innovators from USA, Canada, Latin America**

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6.15 p.m. * **Closing with Experts**

- Fido Tech Ltd (UK) (successful water innovator), Victoria Edwards
- Aqua Advise, AEDyR, Water Positive (Spain) (think tank, advisor), Elena de la Vieja Molina
- H2O Innovation (Spain) (Corporate), Water Positive (Think Tank), Alejandro Sturniolo
- Water Impact Partners (UAE) (Advisor), Jesper Munkholm
- Global Water Intelligence (UK) (Forum, Research & News), Charlie Walker
- Pure Terra Ventures (Netherlands) (Investor), Xavier van Slooten
- Desalytics (UAE) (Expert), Walid Khoury
- De Nora (Italy) (Corporate), Cristian Carboni
- BlueTech Research, Rhys Owen
- Worley - Brine Innovation Manager - NEOM portfolio (UK) (Expert), Christos Charisiadis
- Ilavská Vuillermoz Capital (Luxembourg)(Investor), INGLOSUS Foundation (Germany) (Think Tank), Anabel Ternès von Hattburg
- Aquatech (Netherlands) (Water Tech Fairs), Gerben Hardeman
- WEX Global, Mark Barker

remote Water Foundry (USA) (Expert, Investor), Will Sarni

remote University of Connecticut, Jeffrey McCutcheon,
 Advanced Manufacturing in the Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering (USA)
 (Expert, Incubator)

remote Booky Oren Global Water Technologie, Booky Oren

7.00 p.m. **Wrap UP Sponsors**, Ulf Leonhard

7.15 p.m. **Reception**

Blomeyer's Cheese (Berlin) - Cheeses & sausages from Germany (surprise)

*exact timing depends on quantity of US and Canadian Innovators