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PROGRAM

Research and Innovation in Canada

InfoDay

December 14, 2026, 13:00 – 17:00

Location: Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie (StMWi)

Prinzregentenstraße 28, 80538 München

Festsaal

Admission from 12:30

Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Materials, Medical Devices

Special in 2026:

Defence and Space Research

• Learn more about highlights and trends in R&D •

• Meet with Bavaria-based official representatives •

• Explore cooperation opportunities •

Organization:

Dr. Florence Gauzy, WKS Bayern-Québec/Alberta/International, BayFOR

Event Partners:

Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie

Québec

Ontario Canada

Saskatchewan

National Research Council Canada

Conseil national de recherches Canada

Canada

12:30	**Registration, Welcome-Coffee and Networking**
13:00	**Introduction** ***Dr. Florence Gauzy,*** Wissenschaftskoordinatorin, WKS/BayFOR **Welcome** ***Dr. Martin Schlotter,*** Referatsleiter, Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie (StMWi) ***Julia Buss***, Consul, Senior Trade Commissioner and Head of Office, Consulate of Canada in Munich ***Geneviève Rolland,*** Déléguée générale du Québec à Munich ***Ernst Lueger***, Consul, Economic Affairs Ontario & Head of Office, Ontario Trade & Investment Office in Munich
13:30	**Keynote** ***Prof. Dr. Frederick Klauschen***, Director and Chair, Pathology & Dean of Research, LMU Medical School AI in Cancer Diagnostics and Research
14:00	**Presentations on R&I Trends in Canada** **Innovation in AI and Defence in Québec** *Pierre-Philippe Couture,* Directeur des services économiques, Délégation générale du Québec à Munich **Ontario´s Trends in Defence Innovation** *Ernst Lueger*, Consul, Economic Affairs Ontario & Head of Office, Ontario Trade & Investment Office in Munich **Powering a New Era: Saskatchewan's Nuclear Energy Future** *Kari Harvey,* CEO Innovation Saskatchewan **National Research Council Canada – Advanced Materials, AI and Aerospace Highlights** *Dr. Terrie Romano*, Consul and Principal Advisor, National Research Council (NRC) **Update from Canada** *Rebecca Braun*, Counsellor - Science, Technology and Innovation, Embassy of Canada to Germany
15:00	**Grußwort: Staatssekretär Tobias Gotthardt**
15:10	**Coffee Break & Networking**
15:40	**Updates on Cooperation and Funding Opportunities** **Bavaria-Québec Funding Call for Cooperation** *Dr. Benedikt Miklós,* Attaché politique, Délégation générale du Québec à Munich

Québec-Canada-Horizon Europe: DRAGONS

Dr. Claudia Stauch, Fraunhofer ISC, Würzburg

Germany-Canada: ZIM-IRAP Call for projects

Dr. Georg Nagel, Leiter Internationale Kooperation, AiF Projekt GmbH

Beyond Funding: Creating a Bioanalytical Technologies Framework

Prof. Dr. Alexander Choukér, Immunology and Space Medicine, LMU with *Prof. Teodor Veres*, National Research Council NRC

RoboHub Bavaria

Florian Krebs, Stellvertretender Abteilungsleiter, Gruppenleiter Flexible Automationssysteme, DLR Augsburg

16:15 **SPECIAL 2026: "DEFENCE AND SPACE RESEARCH"**

Moderation: *Dr. Martin Schlotter*, Referatsleiter, Bayerisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft, Landesentwicklung und Energie (StMWi)

Canada's Perspective

Pamela Denchev, Vice Consul and Trade Commissioner, Consulate of Canada in Munich

Bavaria

Dr. Marcus Knopp, Defense and Space Research at DLR, DLR Oberpfaffenhofen

Dr. Victor Trapp, Fraunhofer ISC Würzburg and Fraunhofer EMI

Prof. Klaus Schilling, Zentrum für Telematik e.V.

Dr. Daniel Etzel, Leiter der Vertretung des Freistaats Bayern in Montréal

17:00 **FAREWELL & GET-TOGETHER**

Dr. Florence Gauzy, Wissenschaftskoordinatorin, WKS/BayFOR

17:30 **CLOSE AND DEPARTURE**