

LithiumDays 2026

Conference Programme

Lithium Markets in Transition
Opportunities for European Raw Material Independence

DATE**9–10 December 2026****LOCATION****Dessau-Roßlau, Germany****Day 1 | 9 December****Hochschule Anhalt, Campus Dessau**

Audimax
Bauhausstraße 5, 06846 Dessau-Roßlau

Day 2 | 10 December**Stiftung Bauhaus Dessau**

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Conference Day 1 · Wednesday, 9 December 2026

REGISTRATION & WELCOME

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 h	++ Registration ++	
08:30 h	Welcome addresses	Prof Dr Ralf Wehrspohn, ITEL N.N., Partner organisation N.N., Local host N.N., ITEL Chairman
09:15	Technical opening	N.N.
09:45 h	++ Start of scientific programme ++	

SESSION 1 · EUROPE'S HARD ROCK LITHIUM PATH

Chair: Nico Kropp (ITEL – Institute for Technologies and Economics of Lithium)

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:45 h	Lithium in Europe – an overview	Michael Schmidt (Deutsche Rohstoffagentur DERA)
10:05 h	Barroso lithium project, spodumene in Portugal	Emanuel Proença (Savannah Resources)
10:25 h	Talk 3	N.N.
10:45 h	++ Short break ++	
11:00 h	Panel discussion	N.N., N.N. N.N., N.N.
12:00–13:30 h	++ Lunch break ++	

SESSION 2 · LITHIUM FROM SUBSURFACE WATERS

Chair: N.N.

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30 h	The many flavors of Direct Lithium Extraction routes: a critical comparison	Irina Yarulina (Sulzer)
13:50 h	Lithium from deep brines	Valentin Goldberg (KIT – Karlsruher Institut für Technologie)
14:10 h	Valorising wastewater: A novel approach for critical raw materials recovery from acid mine drainage	Tamlyn Sasha Naidu (University of the Witwatersrand)
14:30 h	++ Short break ++	
14:45 h	Lithium from geothermal waters	Andres Zöldi (Vulcan Energy)
15:05 h	Panel discussion	N.N., N.N. N.N., N.N.
16:00–16:30 h	++ Coffee break ++	

SESSION 3 · RULES, RISK AND BANKABILITY

Chair: Dr Felix Schultz (ITEL – Institute for Technologies and Economics of Lithium)

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:30 h	Lithium acceptance	Prof. Dr. Stefan Hielscher (IAMO) & Marcus Moos (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
16:50 h	Talk 2	N.N.
17:10 h	TraWeBa project – battery value chain transformation hub	Marc Porten (Circular Valley)
17:30–18:30 h	Panel discussion	N.N., N.N. N.N., N.N.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- ▶ Topic 1 tba. (N.N.)
- ▶ Topic 2 tba. (N.N.)
- ▶ Topic 3 tba. (N.N.)

Conference Dinner · Location tba.**20:00 h** Dinner & Networking

Conference Day 2 · Thursday, 10 December 2026

SESSION 4 · LITHIUM RECYCLING FOR EUROPEAN SUPPLY

Chair: N.N.

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30 h	Perspectives on LFP recycling: Will Europe follow China?	Dr. Tobias Elwert (cylib)
08:50 h	Crystallization and separation processes as key enablers for converting recycling streams into battery grade lithium and cathode precursor materials	Prof. Dr. Kerstin Forsberg (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
09:10 h	Lithium sulphate; Update on refinery development	N.N. (AMG Lithium GmbH)
09:30 h	++ Coffee break ++	
10:15 h	Panel discussion	N.N., N.N. N.N., N.N.
11:15 h	++ Short break ++	

SESSION 5 · FROM LITHIUM MADE IN EUROPE TO BATTERIES MADE IN EUROPE

Chair: Prof. Dr Ralf Wehrspohn (ITEL – Institute for Technologies and Economics of Lithium)

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:30 h	Talk 1	N.N.
11:50 h	Talk 2	N.N.
12:10 h	Talk 3	N.N.
12:30–13:45 h	++ Lunch break ++	
13:45 h	Panel discussion	N.N., N.N. N.N., N.N.

SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14:45 h	Introduction partner country 2027	N.N.
15:05 h	Summay & Closing remarks	Prof. Dr Ralf Wehrspohn, ITEL
15:20 h	++ End of Conference ++	

Satellite Workshop: Lithium acceptance

15:45–17:00 h

Hochschule Anhalt, Campus Dessau, Bauhausstr. 5, room D-06/204

Chair: Prof. Dr. Stefan Hielscher (Leibniz-Institut für Agrarentwicklung in Transformationsökonomien, IAMO)

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