LithiumDays 2026

Conference Programme

Lithium Markets in Transition

Opportunities for European Raw Material Independence

Partner country: Portugal

DATE
9–10 December 2026

LOCATION
Dessau-Roßlau, Germany

Day 1 | 9 December
Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Dessau campus
Audimax
Bauhausstrasse 5, 06846 Dessau-Roßlau

Day 2 | 10 December
Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Auditorium
Bauhaus Building
Gropiusallee 38, 06846 Dessau-Roßlau



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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 Jörg Bagdahn (Anhalt University of Applied Sciences) – Sven Schulze (Minister-President of the State of Saxony-Anhalt) – H.E. Maria Madalena Lobo Carvalho Fischer (Portuguese Ambassador to Germany) – Prof. Dr Regina Bittner (Bauhaus Dessau Foundation)
09:10	Technical opening 1: Why Portugal?	Rui Boavista Marques (AICEP)
09:25	Technical opening 2	AMG Group
09:40 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
09:40 h	Lithium in Europe – an overview	Michael Schmidt (Deutsche Rohstoffagentur DERA)
10:00 h	Barroso lithium project, spodumene in Portugal	Emanuel Proença (Savannah Resources)
10:20 h	Valorising wastewater: A novel approach for critical raw materials recovery from acid mine drainage	Tamlyn Sasha Naidu (University of Copenhagen)
10:40 h	++ Short break ++	
11:00 h	Panel discussion	Michael Schmidt, Emanuel Proença, Sean Rossouw
12:00–13:30 h	++ Lunch break ++	

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SESSION 2 · LITHIUM FROM SUBSURFACE WATERS

Chair: Richard Schalinski (ITEL – Institute for Technologies and Economics of Lithium)

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30 h	The many flavors of Direct Lithium Extraction routes: a critical comparison	Daniel Roth (Sulzer)
13:50 h	Lithium from deep brines	Valentin Goldberg (BWG Geochemical Consulting)
14:10 h	Talk 3	N.N.
14:30 h	++ Short break ++	
14:45 h	From subsurface to a supply chain from Europe, for Europe	Andres Zöldi (Vulcan Energy)
15:05 h	Panel discussion	Andres Zöldi, Tamlyn Sasha Naidu (University of Copenhagen)
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	Beyond compliance: How sustainability, governance and circularity strengthen the investment case for battery-material projects	Dr Robert J. Reinhardt (Independent Consultant)
17:10 h	TraWeBa project – battery value chain transformation hub	Marc Porten (Circular Valley)
17:30–18:30 h	Panel discussion	Prof. Dr Stefan Hielscher, Dr Robert J. Reinhardt, Dr Markus Heemann (Circularity e.V.), Claudia Lakov (KfW IPEX Bank)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

18:30–19:30 h

- Unlocking Secondary Lithium Resources - Assessing LFP Black Mass for European Battery Recycling by Morten Droas (Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung BAM)
- Lithium Acceptance by Dr Felix Schultz (ITEL), Prof. Dr Stefan Hielscher (IAMO), Marcus Moos (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)
- Lithium Isotope Fingerprinting by Nico Kropp (ITEL)

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20:00 h Dinner & Networking

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SESSION 4 · LITHIUM RECYCLING AND REFINING FOR EUROPEAN SUPPLY

Chair: Cornelius Gantz (KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

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	AMG Lithium's refining and recycling hub: From primary raw materials via recycling to critical solid state battery components	Rebecca Spielau (AMG Lithium GmbH)
09:30 h	++ Coffee break ++	
10:15 h	Panel discussion	Dr Tobias Elwert, Prof. Dr Kerstin Forsberg, Dr Christoph Hartnig (AMG Lithium GmbH)
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	From lithium made in Europe to batteries made in Europe	Christian Menné (REPT Battero Energy Germany GmbH)
11:50 h	Building the Portuguese battery ecosystem: Connecting resources, processing, innovation and industrial demand	Diogo Fula (Battery Cluster Portugal)

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SESSION 5 *continued*

12:10 h	Talk 3	Dr Filipe Costa (CRONIMET Envirotec GmbH)
12:30–13:45 h	++ Lunch break ++	
13:45 h	Panel discussion	Christian Menné, Diogo Fula, Dr Filipe Costa

SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14:45 h	Introducing Chile as partner country 2027	Juan Pablo Candia González (InvestChile)
15:05 h	Summay & Closing remarks	Prof. Dr Ralf Wehrspohn, ITEL
15:20 h	++ End of Conference ++	

Satellite Workshop & Multi-Stakeholder-Roundtable: Lithium Acceptance

15:45–18:15 h

Hochschule Anhalt, Dessau Campus, Bauhausstr. 6, room D-06/204

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

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