

# SPARK<sup>EIZ</sup> INSPIRE

Powering Energy Entrepreneurship



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5:30 - 7:30 pm



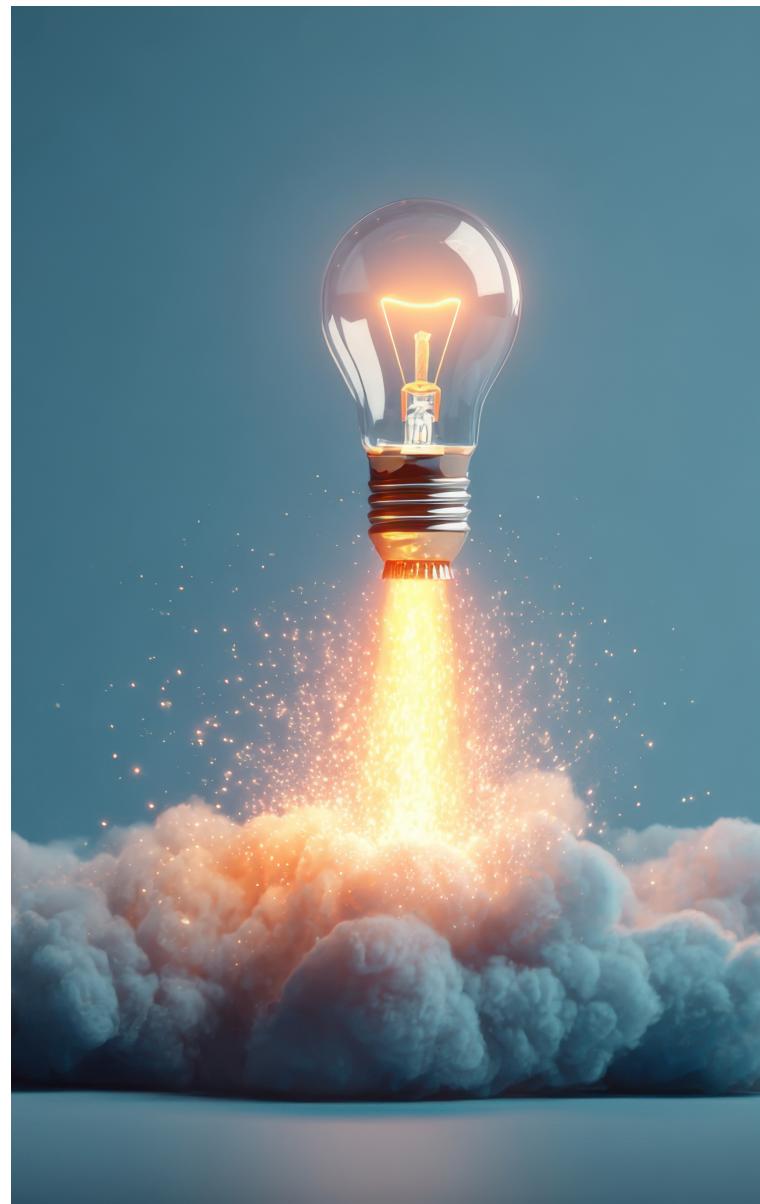
**Gründungszentrum STARTBLOCK B2**

Trainingssaal, 2nd floor  
Siemens-Halske-Ring 2  
03046 Cottbus



## Event Schedule

- 5:00 pm** **Registration and Welcome**
- 5:30 pm** **Introduction to EIZ SPARK**  
Dr. Jakob Pohlisch
- 5:40 pm** **Keynotes**  
**Oliver Hasse**, Managing Director of INAM & Humboldt-Innovation  
**Dr. Owen C. Ernst**, Founder of quantum grade materials (qgm)
- 6:00 pm** **Fireside Chat**  
Oliver Hasse & Dr. Owen C. Ernst
- 6:30 pm** **Networking**  
Free Drinks & Snacks



### Event Organisation

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### EIZ SPARK Inspire Speakers



**Keynote**  
**Oliver Hasse**  
Managing Director of  
INAM & Humboldt-Innovation

Oliver is Managing Director of INAM – the Innovation Network for Advanced Materials – and Humboldt-Innovation GmbH. He has over 20 years of experience in political consulting, international economics, and management consulting, with a strong focus on high-tech industries. Driven by a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, he has worked closely with founders and growth companies for many years, including as a mentor for EBN, AdMaCom, FasterCapital, Vali Berlin, and GMEP. Oliver holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics, an MA in Anthropology from the School of African and Oriental Studies, London and an MBA from ESMT, Berlin.



**Keynote**  
**Dr. Owen C. Ernst**  
Founder of qgm

Owen is a physical chemist turned quantum materials entrepreneur. After earning his PhD, he co-founded quantum grade materials (qgm), producing isotopically engineered semiconductor gases for next-generation quantum technologies. At BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, he leads the EXIST research transfer project HoCH-Quant, turning quantum materials breakthroughs into industrial solutions. Recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Minds in Berlin Science and winner of the 2025 Young Scientist Award from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kristallzüchtung und Kristallwachstum e.V. (DGKK), he is also an INAM Incubator alumnus.

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