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# German Tech Entrepreneurship Center (GTEC) is expanding to Frankfurt

- **Almost two years after it was founded in Berlin, GTEC opens another international technology and innovation center**
- **An experienced leadership team of entrepreneurs and investors will provide an offering “from entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs”**
- **The expansion is possible through the significant support of Union Investment and Tishman Speyer**
- **Big opening event on April 20th with representatives from industry, startup scene, associations, politics and media**

*Berlin, April 18th 2017* – The [German Tech Entrepreneurship Center \(GTEC\)](#), Europe’s first private-sector open campus for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship is coming to Frankfurt (Main). The expansion was made possible with the help of GTEC Partner Union Investment. With that, GTEC unlocks a second base in one of the most economically powerful regions of Europe. The current internationality of GTEC will continue in the “Main-Metropolis”, helping the growing Frankfurt startup scene to flourish alongside many big corporations, the hidden SME champions, and various academic institutions. That is the breeding ground on which GTEC creates interesting and relevant programmes under its proven motto “Inspire, Guide, Grow”, which will promote entrepreneurship and symbiotic cooperations between the established corporations and the startup newcomers in the Frankfurt area.

To ensure the high level of programmes at the new location, GTEC expanded its advisory board. The new members are the Norwegian business philosopher [Anders Indset](#); business angel and investor, [Johannes Peschko](#); and [Oliver Clasen](#), banker at heart, today mentor and management consultant. All three have the local contacts and the international network to make the diverse startup programmes and event formats such as “Open Lectures” and Meetups possible. To familiarize the numerous classic companies in the region with the topics of entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship, GTEC will also offer Executive Education Masterclasses in Frankfurt. Thanks to the support of Tishman Speyer, GTEC resides at Junghof in the heart of the city. It is planned that the building will be a home to innovative and international startups, as well as to the innovation departments of several corporations created to further develop their ideas with support of the GTEC network of mentors and investors. Financed by the [GTEC Partners](#), startups that take part in the GTEC programmes get all the benefits for free.

“We are very happy to now be able to expand our unique offering outside of Berlin, as I am sure that GTEC will enrich the Frankfurt scene. Last but not least, thanks to the prime location in the heart of Frankfurt, GTEC will be a highly-demanded place to go to for Frankfurt’s startups, corporations, universities and the public that is interested in

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entrepreneurship. We already have the first applications from national and international startups to join our Frankfurt base”, says Benjamin Rohé, Founder and Managing Director GTEC.

The GTEC Frankfurt **Opening Event** will take start at **4pm on Thursday, April 20th 2017 at Junghof**, Junghofstraße 18, 60311 Frankfurt/Main. GTEC will open its doors to the public and there will be representatives from industry, startup scene, associations, politics and media.

All media representatives are cordially invited to join the official inauguration of the German Tech Entrepreneurship Center in Frankfurt’s Junghof. There will be drinks, snacks and networking.

Please RSVP at <http://gtec.center/frankfurt/>.

**Pictures:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B76cqeUzoqvQQWM4Sm5kQzQxU3M>

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### **About GTEC**

The German Tech Entrepreneurship Center (GTEC) is the first private-sector, open campus for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe and it is connecting an international network of companies, universities, and startups along with the public. GTEC was founded in Berlin in 2015 and is supported by ESMT, Globumbus, Henkel, Innogy, Noerr, Sigmund Kiener Stiftung, Tishman Speyer and Union Investment.

GTEC has campuses in Berlin and Frankfurt/ Main Under the triad of “Inspire, Guide, Grow”, it promotes entrepreneurship on a global scale through a diverse set of offerings: from education programmes and innovation awards to meetups and workshops.