

# European Future Technology Summit

**THE RESILIENCE CODE:  
From Vulnerability to Resilience - How  
Technology Can Promote Security and Defense  
in Europe**

2.- 4. September 2026, Brussels

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2:15 - 2:30 pm

**European Commission - Arrival at Charlemagne (CHAR) for Security Check**

Charlemagne, Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels

2:30 - 3:30 pm

**Shaping Europe's Future - The European Commission at Work with Ms Agnieszka Wieczor**

Directorate-General of European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)

4:30 - 6:00 pm

**European Parliament - Meeting with MEP Hildegard Bentele**

Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and Member of Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

7:30 pm

**Dinner & Networking at BBP Bailli - Brussels Beer Project**

Rue du Bailli 1/A, 1000 Brussels

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**3. September 2026**

**Silversquare Bailli, Avenue Louise 231, 1050  
Brussels**

**10:00 - 11:00 am**

**From War in Ukraine to Hybrid Threats: What Europe Must Learn to Strengthen Its Security**

Lieutenant General Wolfgang Wien, German Military Representative to the NATO and EU Military Committee

**11:15 - 12:15 pm**

**New Defense - Improving Europe's Security Through Innovation**

Dr. Marc Bovenschulte, VDI/VDE IT

**12:15 - 1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Distribution Grid Blackouts: Causes, Perpetrators, Recovery, and Civil-Military Coordination**

Stefan Schonauer, Hamburger Energienetze (Hamburger Energy Grids)

**2:15 - 3:15 pm**

**How can the Integration of Sensing Functionality into Mobile Communications contribute to a resilient Society?**

Prof. Dr.-Ing habil. Reiner Thomä, TU Ilmenau

# VDE Summer Reception

as part of the EUREL European Future Technology Summit

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**Start Admission and Registration at 6:00 pm**

**North Rhine-Westphalia Representation to the EU Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels**

**6:30 - 6:35 pm**

## **Welcoming**

Rainer Steffens, Director of the Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union

**6:35 - 6:55 pm**

## **The Resilience Code - From Safety to Resilience. From Vulnerability to Resilience.**

Ansgar Hinz, CEO Technology Organisation VDE

**6:55- 7:10 pm**

## **Defense Ready 2030 - Europe's Path to Credible Deterrence**

Micha Cornick, Cabinet Expert of EU-Commissioner Andrius Kubilius for Defense and Space

**7:10- 7:25 pm**

## **Resilience Starts Locally: Lessons from Ukraine on Decentralised Power for Europe's Energy Security**

Frank Grewe, CTO 2G Energy AG

**7:40 - 10:00 pm**

## **Social Event VDE Summer Reception & Award Ceremony followed by Dinner**

Award Ceremony of TOPSIM International Management Cup and EUREL PhD Best Paper Award

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**9:45 - 10:45 am**

**Enabling Resilience through Smart Decentralized Energy  
Solutions**

Stefan Liesner, Managing Director, SL Natureenergie GmbH

**11:00 - 12:00 pm**

**Energy Facilities and Supply Chains as Primary Military  
Targets: The Case of Ukraine**

Kristina Rimkunaite, Subject Matter Expert, NATO ENSEC COE

**12:00 - 12:45 pm**

**Lunch**

**12:45 - 2:00 pm**

**Communication as a Resilience Layer: How Ukrainian Energy  
Companies Keep People Informed During Wartime Power  
Disruptions**

Marian Shvets, Director, A-Solutions Development LLC & Halyna Rospopa,  
Communication Director, PJSC Lvivoblenergo

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