



**European Future Technology Summit
(EFTS) | Brussels | 2–4 Sept 2026**

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

European Future Technology Summit

- Young Engineers from EUREL Member Associations
- 7 workshops on future technology and resilience
- Insights into European institutions (European Parliament and European Commission)

VDE Summer Reception

- Panel Discussion with Electrical, Electronic and Information Technology Engineers, Politicians and Stakeholder followed by a Social Network Event at the Representation North Rhine-Westphalia

Wednesday, 02.09.2026

Time	Programme
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Visit European Parliament
4:30 – 5:45 pm	Visit European Commission
7:00 pm	Dinner <i>Get-Together & Networking</i>

Thursday, 03.09.2026 – Workshops

Silversquare Bailli, Avenue Louise 231, 1050 Brussels

Time	Programme
10:00 – 11:00 am	<p>Workshop 1 – Lieutenant General Wolfgang Wien, German Military Representative to the NATO and EU Military Committee From War in Ukraine to Hybrid Threats: What Europe Must Learn to Strengthen Its Security</p>
11:15 – 12:15 pm	<p>Workshop 2 – Dr. Marc Bovenschulte, VDI/VDE IT New Defense – Improving Europe’s Security through Innovation</p>
12:15 – 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<p>Workshop 3 – Stefan Schonauer, Hamburger Energy Grids The 2025 Berlin Partial Blackout: Causes, Perpetrators, Recovery, and Civil–Military Coordination</p>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<p>Workshop 4 – Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Reiner Thomä, TU Ilmenau How can the Integration of Sensing Functionality into Mobile Communications contribute to a Resilient Society?</p>

Thursday, 03.09.2026 – Evening Event „VDE Summer Reception“

North-Rhine Westphalia Representation – Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels

Time	Programme
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Admission and Registration
6:30 – 7:30 pm	<p>Opening and Welcome Nathanael Laminski, Minister for Federal and European Affairs, International Affairs and Media of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and Head of the State Chancellery Ansgar Hinz, CEO Technology Organisation VDE</p> <p>Keynote 1: Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmerman, MEP, Chair of the Defence Committee in the European Parliament (tbc) Keynote 2: General André Denk, Executive of the European Defence Agency (tbc) Keynote 3: Benjamin Hartmann, Cabinet Expert of EU-Commissioner Andrius Kubilius for Defense and Space</p>
7:30 – 10:00 pm	<p>Social Event VDE Summer Reception & Award ceremony followed by dinner EUREL TOPSIM International Management Cup EUREL PhD Best Paper Award</p>

Friday, 04.09.2026 – Workshops

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Time	Programme
10:00 – 11:00 am	Workshop 5 – Prof. Dr.-Ing. Norman Franchi, Friedrich-Alexander-University Nuremberg (tbc)
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Workshop 6 – Mario Brandenburg, SAP, Former Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (tbc)
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Workshop 7 - Katharina Fritzsche, Diehl (tbc)

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