

## THENSA/DHIK COLLOQUIUM

Date: **Wednesday, 22 April 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Venue: **Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences, Building IV,  
Theodor-Körner-Allee 8, 02763 Zittau**

Language: **English**

### Program

- 09:00      **Welcoming & Opening Remarks**
- **Prof. Dr. Dieter Leonhard**, Chairman of DHIK
  - **Prof. Dr.-Ing. Alexander Kratzsch**, Rector of the Zittau/Goerlitz University of Applied Sciences
- 09:20      **Response & Remarks**  
Chairperson of the THENSA Board
- 09:30      **Overview of the DHIK-THENSA Partnership**  
**German Director SAGGS / THENSA CEO** (Joint Presentation)  
(Historic view, how it starts and how it was/is developed; MoU; Transfer project; Delegation visit)
- 09:50      **THENSA – DHIK September school**  
**DHIK Executive Coordinator South Africa**  
(Presentation on 2025 THENSA-DHIK September School and outlook to 2026 September School)
- 10:00      **South African – German Graduate School (SAGGS)**  
**German Director SAGGS**  
(Information on TNB-Project SAGGS)
- 10:15      Coffee break
- 10:45      **Activities and status-quo of THENSA-DHIK Research Cluster**  
Joint presentation by both co-leaders from Germany & South Africa  
(10-minute max presentation including progress made, opportunities, strategies, challenges, etc. 6 clusters)
- 11:45      **Group Discussion: Next collaboration steps for Teaching and Research**  
**Facilitator: DHIK Executive Coordinator South Africa**  
(Reflecting on the progress of this partnership)

- 12:15      **Way Forward**  
**THENSA CEO + DHIK Executive Coordinator South Africa**  
(Formulate strategies to strengthen the DHIK-THENSA Partnership)
- 12:30      **Concluding Remarks**  
**Chairman of DHIK & Chairperson of the THENSA Board**
- 12:50      Group photo
- 13:00      Lunch break
- 14:00      **Rethinking the Economy: Regional Strategies in Structural Transformation**  
Speaker: **Dr. Stephan Meyer**, District Administrator of Görlitz District
- 14:25      **Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences (HSZG) – Research & Transfer**  
(Facts and figures about HSZG, research and transfer activities, presentation of selected successful research projects)  
Speaker: **Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Sophia Keil**, Vice-Rector for Research, Transfer and Internationalization  
**Additional professors and scientific staff**
- 15:15      **Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences (HSZG) – Education & Teaching**  
(Presentation of relevant study programmes, KIA together with an industry partner & best practice)  
Speaker: **Prof. Dr. phil. Małgorzata Maćkowiak**, Vice-Rector for Education and Sustainability  
**Additional professors and scientific staff**
- 16:00      Networking & Buffet
- 16:30      Joint, relaxed walk through the Upper Lusatian landscape
- 18:00      Dinner at the Hochwaldbaude
- 21:00      Bus transfer to the hotel