

**Press Release: Next 100 Symposium 2024 – Do we have to accept the “New Normal” and how science and interdisciplinarity can help us**

**Berlin, Germany: The Global Arena Research Institute is excited to host the Next 100 Symposium, taking place on May 16-17, 2024, at the VKU Forum in Berlin.** This distinguished event will feature a cadre of influential figures including Jiri Sedivy Chief Executive, European Defence Agency, Hans Pung, President RAND Europe, Joachim Bitterlich, advisor to chancellor Helmut Kohl, Donna Avellana (ABB), Mirek Topolaneck, former Prime Minister of Czech Republic and President of the European Council, Tim Palmer, renowned physicist, Milena Roveda, CEO of Gauss Fusion, Fr derick Bordry (former tech-director of CERN, Geneva) and Sebastian Hallensleben, digital innovation specialist. Full agenda and programme: <https://www.next100symposium.org/>

**Focus Areas:**

- Global and Social Disorder and Mistrust: Impact of technological shifts and international cooperation dynamics with Hans Pung and others, as they discuss the increasing political and commercial fragmentation affecting global stability.
- Future of Energy and Climate Actions: Delve into sustainable energy strategies with Mirek Topolaneck and Milena Roveda, focusing on climate change adaptation, social justice, and the role of innovative technologies in shaping a sustainable future.
- Future of Commercial Order and Globalization: Join discussions led by Joachim Bitterlich and others on Europe’s quest for economic sovereignty, exploring the delicate balance between open trade and geopolitical pressures.
- Future of Security, Defence, and Military Affairs: With insights from Jiri Sedivy and other defense experts, this topic addresses the complex interplay between defense strategies, technological dependencies, and geopolitical realities.
- Role of Science and Technology in Addressing Challenges: Tim Palmer and fellow scientists will discuss the crucial role of fundamental science and technology in addressing pressing societal and political challenges.
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Initiatives: Examine the integration of ESG practices in business with industry leaders, focusing on accountability, transparency, and the practical impacts on business strategies and operations.

**Event Highlights:**

- ❖ Policy Roundtables: Specific sessions will provide in-depth exploration of the discussed themes, translating dialogue into actionable policy insights.
- ❖ ReDefine Next 100 young professionals program - reflecting on all the discussions and their own future will be 9 ReDefiners (project with the International Visegrad Fund)

- ❖ Networking Opportunities: Engage with thought leaders and peers during structured networking sessions, including a special dinner for speakers, partners, and special guests.
- ❖ This symposium serves as a platform for leading experts to share insights and propose solutions to the multifaceted challenges of our time. It promises to foster rich discussions and encourage innovative approaches to policy-making and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Registration is now open and free. To learn more about the event and secure your spot, please visit Next 100 Symposium: <https://www.next100symposium.org/>

