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medical:forge Leipzig welcomes 4th batch of start-ups

April saw business accelerator medical:forge Leipzig welcome its 4th batch of global start-ups into its yearlong program. Six teams will be receiving a broad range of support to facilitate their launch into the German healthcare market. Their journey kicked off with a Welcome Week of informative presentations and networking opportunities. This group has an exciting lineup of young companies innovating in a variety of medical fields. These include women's health, neurodegenerative and psychological diseases, biosurgery, disease prevention via telehealth, and predictive diagnostics for cancer patients.

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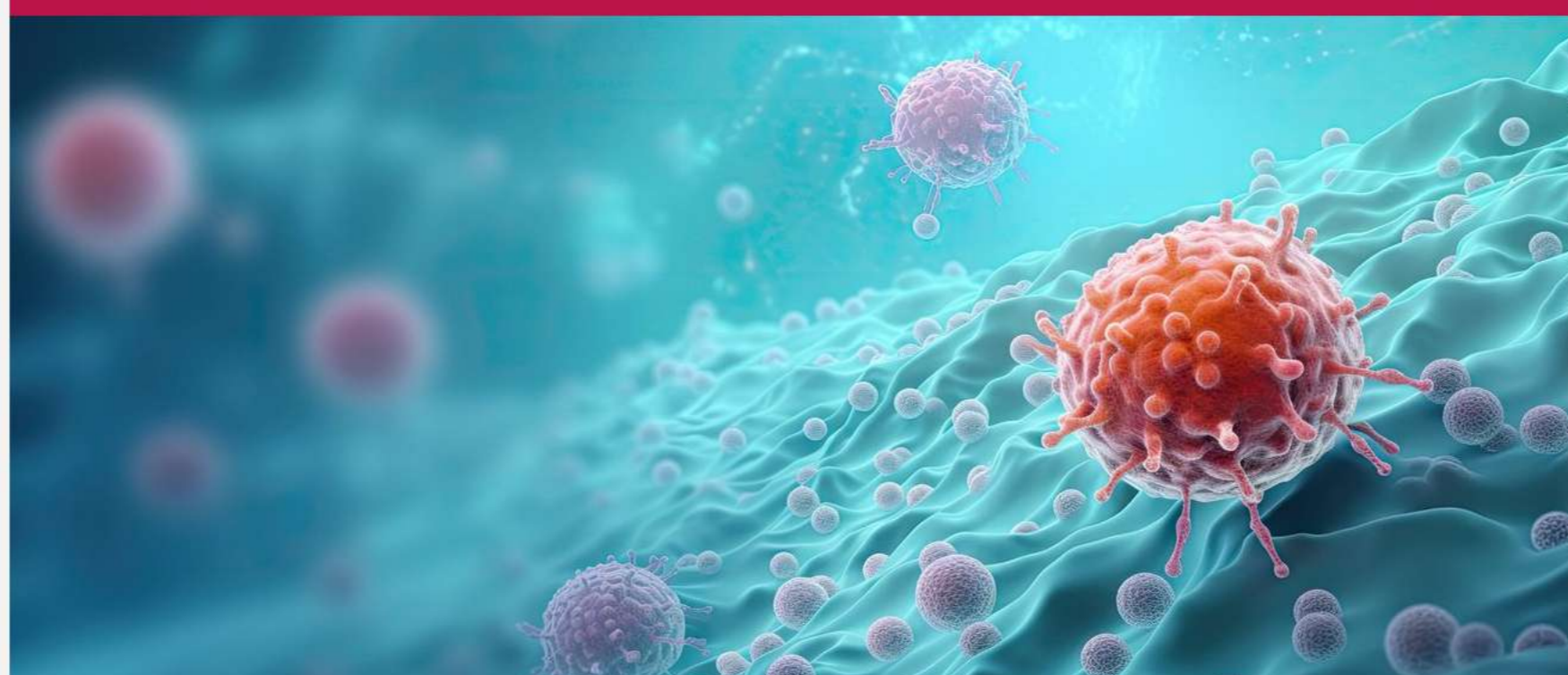
DMEA 2025: Leipzig alumni showcase innovations

Two international [medical:forge](#) Leipzig alumni showcased their innovations at this year's digital healthcare conference DMEA in Berlin. Irish start-up [RedZine](#) is developing a wearable video platform that enables remote consultations and emergency response support. The Israeli start-up [Neteera](#) is working on enhancing remote patient monitoring and healthcare diagnostics with the help of contactless and AI-supported bio-sensing technology. Both companies have been able to leverage the support from the Leipzig accelerator to more quickly and successfully enter the German medtech market.



Success story science: Fraunhofer IZI takes the lead

In two weeks the [Fraunhofer IZI](#) will be celebrating its 20th anniversary! The Institute held its AAV Meeting at the start of April, an annual get-together focused on adeno-associated viruses. Used to carry therapeutic genes into human cells, these harmless viruses can play a key role in treating cancer. More than 150 experts from around the world gathered in Leipzig to discuss AAV design, efficiency and manufacturing. The meeting has not only become a 'must have' for scientists, but is also garnering media attention. [Public broadcaster MDR interviewed](#) the Institute's director Prof. Ulrike Köhl to spread awareness for the lifechanging work being done in Leipzig and beyond.



biosaxony Management GmbH is now leap:up GmbH

What began 16 years ago as biosaxony has grown and evolved into a life science enabler with a global outlook. Now it has leveled up under a new name - [leap:up](#). The rebrand mirrors not only what the service provider does, but what it promises its customers. leap:up helps turn thinking into action, scientific theory into economic practice, and on-the-paper potential into business success. The professionals from Saxony want to empower scientists and companies to develop innovative solutions. Their ultimate goal: A healthier and more sustainable world for everyone.



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Two exciting events are coming to Leipzig

Leipzig is hosting the [1st Annual European Biopharma Obesity Innovation Forums](#) on June 11th-12th 2025. The city is a hotspot for obesity research, with Leipzig scientists playing a pivotal role in a study just published in the world-renowned journal NATURE. The second event which is coming to Leipzig are the [German Biotech Days \(DBT\)](#) 2026. leap:up CEO André Hofmann got the news at this year's conference in Heidelberg – and we're really looking forward to welcoming the global scientific and business community to our city next spring!

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When? May 5-6, 2025
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BioEquity Europe

When? May 12-14, 2025
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When? June 4-5, 2025
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1st Annual European Biopharma Obesity Innovation Forum

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BIO Convention USA

When? June 16-19, 2025
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HLTH Europe 2025

When? June 16-19, 2025
Where? Amsterdam / Netherlands



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