

78. annual conference BDC

September 17th to 19th, 2026 in Krefeld
MERCURE Tagungs- und Landhotel Krefeld
Elfrather Weg 5, Am Golfplatz
47802 Krefeld

Thursday, September 17th, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. - advertising committee (*with special invitation only!*)
- 01:00 p.m. - Lunch
- 02:00 to 05:00 p.m. - board and advisory council meeting (*with special invitation only!*)
- 06:30 p.m. - bus transfer to dinner restaurant
- 07:00 to 11:00 p.m. - dinner in the Sudhaus of the Schlüffken Brauerei at the Nordbahnhof, Oraniering 91, 47798 Krefeld (**not included in conference package - additional costs 70,00 € p.p. inkl. food & drinks, exkl. spirits**) – Meeting: until 6:30 p.m. – Hotel lobby
- 11:00 p.m. - return transfer by bus to the hotel

Friday, September 18th, 2026

- 09:00 to 10:00 a.m. - Annual General Meeting BDC e.V. (*members only!*)
- 10:30 a.m. – **Public lecture**
 - **Greeting**, Eva Kähler-Theuerkauf, president of the *Zentralverband Gartenbau e.V.*
 - **Market situation for mushrooms with a focus on button mushrooms (current status and perspectives)**, Michael Koch, *AMI Agrarmarkt Informations-GmbH*
 - **mycelium products vs. classical mushroom cultivation**, Oskar Seitz, *Infinite Roots - Mushlabs GmbH*
- 12:30 p.m. - **Lunch**
- 02:00 p.m. - **Public Lecture on the topic "How will artificial intelligence and automation change the mushroom farming industry in the future?"**
 - *Christiaens Engineering & Development BV*
 - *4AG Robotics*
 - *GTL Europe Engineering BV*
- 03:45 p.m. – coffee break
- 04:15 p.m. – **Public lecture**
 - **"Why are vegetables (mushrooms) awesome?"**, Prof. Dr. Fritz-Gerald Schröder, *Hochschule f. Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden*
- 05:00 p.m. - Presentation of Willeke Champignon Handelsgesellschaft GmbH
- 07:30 p.m. - dinner with music at the MERCURE Tagungs- und Landhotel Krefeld

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

- 09:30 a.m. - Departure from the hotel (with own car)
- 10:00 a.m. – Factory Tour

Willeke Champignon Handelsgesellschaft mbH

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