

# Transdisciplinary workshop on regional development in the context of the site selection process for a final repository for high-level radioactive waste

## AGENDA

This workshop is being held as part of a research and development project commissioned by the Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Disposal.

Time	Programme Item	Speakers / Moderation
<b>Day 1 – Thursday, 22 January 2026</b>		
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration, Light Lunch</b>	
13:00 – 13:20	<b>Welcome</b>	Dr. Annika Froese (BASE)
13:20 – 14:00	<b>Introduction: Project Context &amp; Objectives</b>	Project team (UfU & Öko-Institut)
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Input Lectures with Discussion (3 x 20 min + 10 min discussion each)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher Müller (Regional Conference Nördlich Lägern, CH)</li> <li>Heide Gebhardt (Foundation Zukunftslandschaft Asse, DE)</li> <li>Anna Bergsten, Östhammar (SE)</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Interactive Small-Group Work – World Café format (2 Rounds à 45 min)</b>	<p><b>Four thematic tables - Guiding Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Table 1:</b> How can a “region” be described or defined? How can its spatial extent and socio-economic radius be determined?</p> <p><b>Table 2:</b> How can the development potential of a region be assessed? Which criteria, factors, and approaches are relevant?</p> <p><b>Table 3:</b> How can the participation of regional and societal actors be organised in developing concepts for promoting regional development? Which requirements for regional conferences arise?</p> <p><b>Table 4:</b> Which long-term (positive) impacts can be achieved through concepts promoting regional development? How should monitoring of measures be designed?</p>
17:45 – 18:20	<b>Drinks &amp; Gallery Walk</b>	
18:20 – 18:30	<b>Closing &amp; Outlook for Day 2</b>	
18:30 – 19:30	<b>Check-In Hotel &amp; optional dinner reservation for extended exchange</b>	Restaurant “Weltwirtschaft”

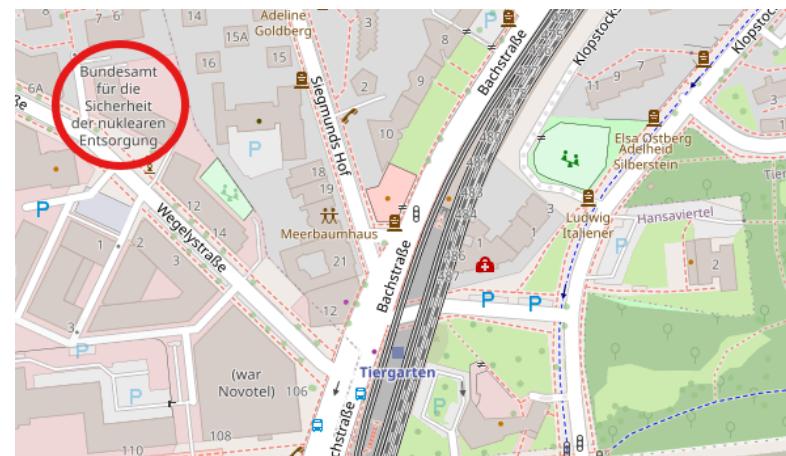
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Time	Programme Item	Speakers / Moderation
<b>Day 2 – Friday, 23 January 2026</b>		
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome &amp; Recap of Day 1</b>	Moderation: Project team
09:15 – 09:45	<b>Presentation on the status of regional conferences and development in the German site selection process</b>	Evelyn Bodenmeier (BASE)
09:45 – 10:05	<b>Presentation on success factors and synthesis of findings</b>	Project team (UfU & Öko-Institut)
10:05 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Fishbowl discussion: 'From international experiences to the German site selection process – What defines successful regional development?'</b>	Invited panellists: Prof. Dr. Tapani Litmanen, University of Jyväskylä (FIN), Jürgen Rüffer, National Citizens' Oversight Committee (NBG), and one person from Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Disposal (BASE) + open participation from the plenary
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Plenary discussion: 'From theory to practice: how to communicate recommendations to regional conferences?'</b>	Project team
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Closing &amp; Farewell</b>	BASE & Project team
12:30	<b>Lunch Option &amp; Departure</b>	

## Directions

**The workshop takes place at the**  
 Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management  
 Bundesamt für die Sicherheit der nuklearen Entsorgung  
 Wegelystraße 8  
 10623 Berlin  
 Deutschland

**Nearest public transport:** S Tiergarten



**Restaurant "Weltwirtschaft"**  
 John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557 Berlin

**Hotel "Motel One Berlin-Bellevue"**  
 Paulstraße 21, 10557 Berlin