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"The Adlershof
Technology Park is
resilient, innovative
and collaborative"

Foreword

The year 2025 demonstrated in impressive fashion just how resilient and innovative the Technology Park Adlershof is. One defining moment came in September, when a major power outage temporarily disrupted the site's infrastructure. Yet it also revealed the true strength of an ecosystem whose members stand together, especially in times of crisis. Media coverage highlighted the professionalism with which the site responded to an unexpected challenge and underscored the growing importance of security and resilience – issues that are becoming increasingly relevant in the political and public debate.

At the same time, 2025 was a year of momentum and new opportunities. The innovative power of the site's companies, research institutions and start-ups was reflected in a wide range of projects – from advances in sustainable energy and climate research to new scientific partnerships and technological breakthroughs emerging from the park's laboratories and workshops. The development of Berlin's key innovation hubs, including CHIC, FUBIC and the CleanTech Business Park, also reached important milestones.

One of the year's highlights was the launch of the new House of Games, a place where creativity, digital culture and playful innovation come together. It adds an exciting new dimension to our innovation ecosystem by attracting young talent, bringing education and technology closer together, and creating new forms of community building. In doing so, WISTA is reaffirming its commitment to the knowledge and creative economies while further strengthening the distinctive profile of our innovation hubs.

Talent development once again played a central role in 2025. Through a wide range of programmes and workshops, we demonstrated how essential skills development and strong networks are to Berlin's economic and scientific future. At the same time, security, whether digital, structural or infrastructural, moved further up the agenda and will continue gaining relevance in the years ahead.

This annual report invites you to discover the diversity, dynamism and innovative spirit that define our sites. It demonstrates how WISTA continued throughout 2025 to create the conditions in which innovation flourishes, resilience grows and the future of Berlin is actively shaped.

Roland Sillmann
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Science and Technology Park Adlershof

Adlershof in Numbers

The Science and Technology Park Berlin Adlershof continued on its growth path. In 2025, the site once again demonstrated a stable yet dynamic environment shaped by the close interplay between research and industry. The dedication and ingenuity of the people working on the site – researchers, staff members, entrepreneurs, employees – form the foundation of this development. WISTA continues to act as a bridge-builder, fostering exchange and collaboration across institutional boundaries, thereby strengthening a resilient and growing innovation ecosystem.

29,600
Staff

Revenues and budget funds grew by 5 percent to over 4.2 bn. euros (2024: 4.0 bn. euros). The number of employees also developed positively, growing by 500 to around 29,600 people. Adding to this number are 6,200 students. (2024: 6,300). The growth dynamic was particularly evident in the number of companies and research facilities.

1,300
Number of
companies

**4.2
bn.
euros**
Turnover and
budgets



4.6 km²
Area

*) This includes the Science and Technology Park, Media City, the Gleislinse area as well as the adjacent retail and services area, including the landscaped park (Airfield Johnisthal), and the residential areas "Wohnen am Campus" (Living on Campus) and "Wohnen am Landschaftspark" (Living at the Landscaped Park)

18
Scientific
institutions





Revenues

1.26 Core area, Science and Technology Park
491 Media City
1.89 Growth Area

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

38 Third-party funding
86 Basic funding

Scientific institutions

103 Third-party funding
356 Basic funding



Companies

600 Core area, Science and Technology Park
230 Media City
460 Growth Area

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

7 Institutes

Scientific institutions

11 Non-university research institutions



Staff

9,500 Core area, Science and Technology Park
3,600 Media City
12,300 Growth Area

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

6,200 students
1,100 Staff

3,100 Scientific institutions

The institutes of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) located in Adlershof secured 38 mn. euros (2024: 43 mn. euros), with core funding at 86 mn. euros (2024: 67 mn. euros). The non-university research institutes reported total budgetary funds of 356 mn. euros (2024: 251 mn. euros). The volume of third-party funding increased by 27 percent to 103 mn. euros. This points to a positive development of the site's science and research sector in the year 2025. The number of staff working at scientific institutions amounted to 4,200, while the number of companies in Adlershof fell by around 2 percent to 1,300 (2024: 1,330).

A closer look at the individual areas reveals some differences. In the core area of the Science and Technology Park, which is characterised primarily by high-tech companies, the roughly 600 compa-

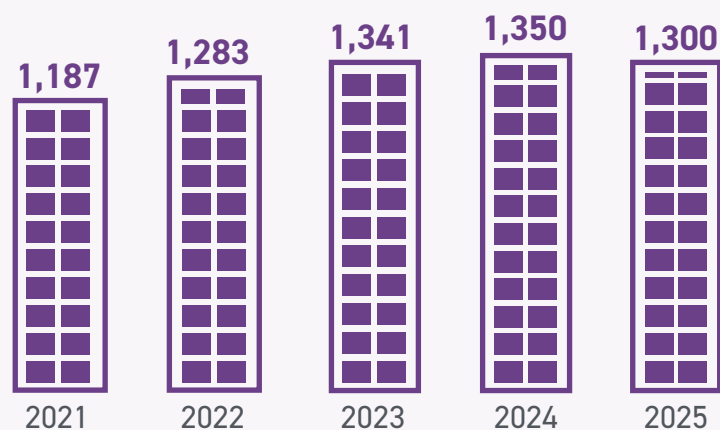
nies increased their revenues and subsidies to 1.26 bn. euros over the past year (2024: 1.25 bn. euros). About 9,500 employees worked in the core area in 2025 (2024: 9,400). This number shows a slight increase on the previous year. The growth area recorded moderate gains, with revenue rising by 1.8 percent to 1.89 bn. euros and employee numbers increasing by 1.8 percent to 12,300. The number of companies declined by 4.5 percent.

The Media City recorded revenue growth of 4.5 percent and an increase in employees of 2.4 percent, although the number of companies also decreased (-3.7 percent). The latter is largely attributable to the sector's high proportion of project-based contracts, many of which span several years. Employees are often hired at the start of a project, while revenue is typically recorded only upon its completion.

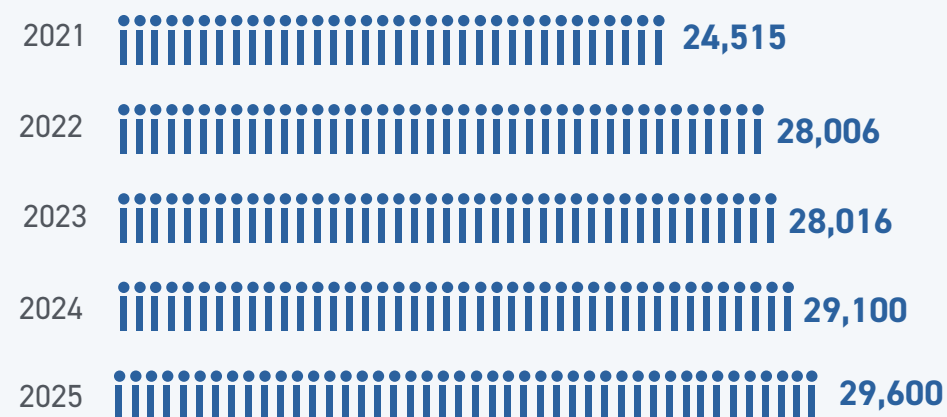
Outlook

Adlershof enters 2026 with confidence and optimism. Only 11 percent of companies in the Science and Technology Park expect a decline in revenue. Around 39 percent anticipate revenue growth (for 2025: 46 percent), while approximately 50 percent now expect revenue to remain stable (for 2025: 43 percent).

Number of companies



Workforce Development

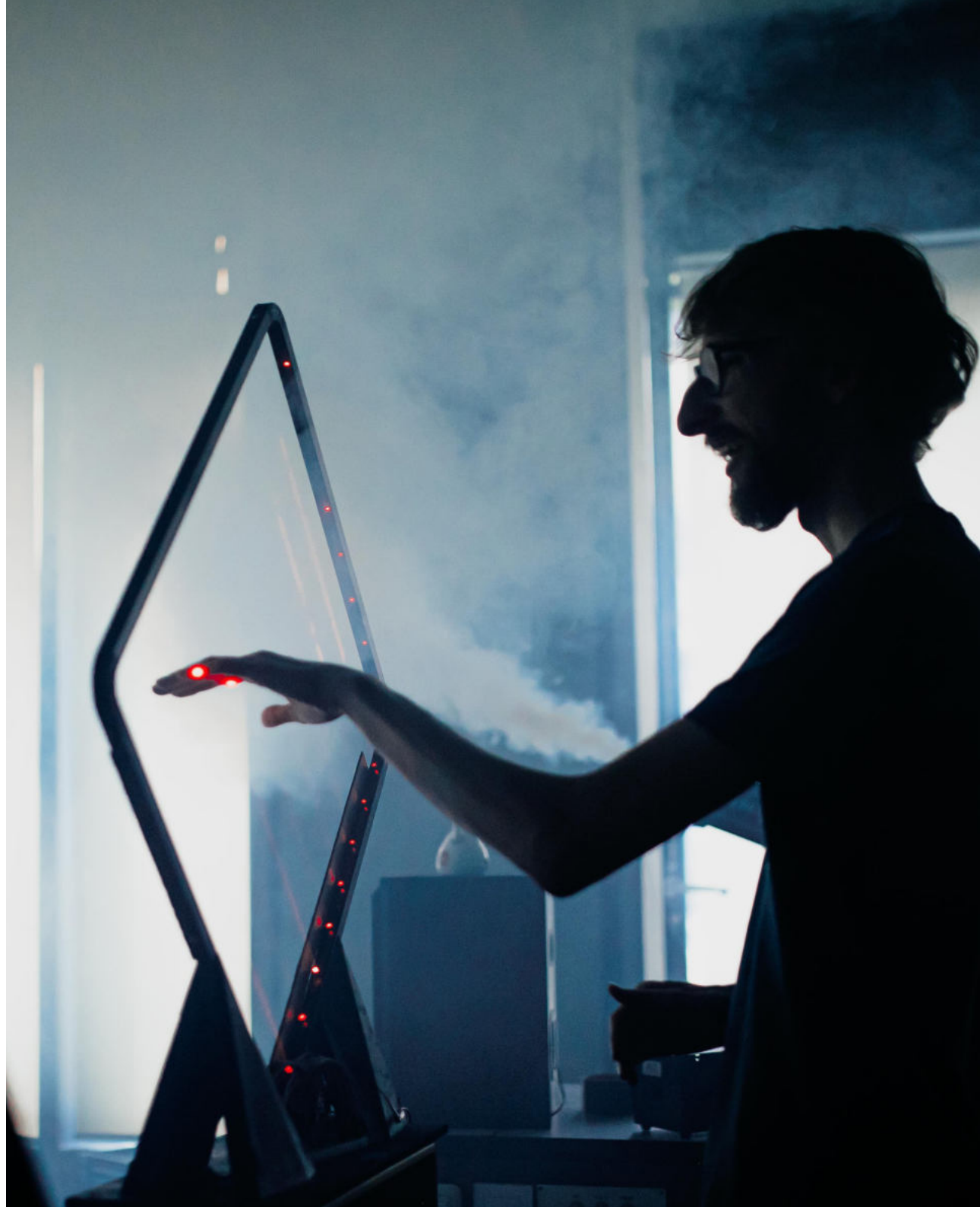


Performance Development (bn. euros)



Growth Despite Crises

For Adlershof, 2025 was a year in which confidence stemmed not from favourable external circumstances, but from the strength of the site itself. While global tensions and economic uncertainty weighed on many sectors, the Technology Park once again demonstrated how people, collaboration and a deeply rooted culture of innovation provide the foundation for optimism and joint progress. Adlershof-based companies and research institutions remained largely positive about the future throughout 2025. They continued to place their trust in the creative energy of the talent working at the site as well as the close-knit network of research and industry that has developed here over decades and has made the site ever more resilient. This confidence was particularly evident in September, when a three-day power outage affected the entire Technology Park, among other areas. The swift and coordinated response of numerous key players, the mutual support shown across the site, and the close cooperation with public authorities, utility providers and the media ensured that the crisis was managed effectively. The extensive media coverage brought national attention to the vital contribution of Adlershof's companies and research institutions to science, industry and essential public services. Their expertise and solutions were widely recognised, reinforcing Adlershof's reputation as a place where the future is being shaped today.



Despite global uncertainty, the site's momentum remained remarkably strong. Numerous new companies based their operations at WISTA's start-up and technology centres. These included the Dutch company cosine, which develops advanced measurement systems for space research and industrial applications, and Nanolope GmbH, whose PCM-based thermal storage systems transform building surfaces into what the company describes as "invisible batteries". Other businesses expanded their presence within Adlershof. Berliner Nanotest und Design GmbH, for example, broke ground on a new laboratory and production facility. JPT Peptide Technologies GmbH moved into its new headquarters. EvoLogics, a specialist in underwater communications, positioning, navigation and monitoring that has been based at Wagner-Régeny-Straße since 2023, completed an extension building and signed its third hereditary ground lease, paving the way for additional production and development facilities as well as a training centre.

Numerous companies expanded their activities, attracted new investors or launched projects with international reach. Integrated Lab Solutions GmbH developed a pilot plant for synthetic fuels, laying the groundwork for lower-emission industrial processes. meteocontrol GmbH supported the implementation of Colombia's first photovoltaic system with battery storage, thus contributing valuable expertise to the global energy transition. Adlershof also strengthened its position as a leading centre for materials science research. JenLab GmbH advanced the development of high-performance microscopy, while

the toptier researchers at Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin achieved further progress in spintronics and expanded international collaborations. The site's high concentration of innovation was also reflected in the achievements of numerous start-ups working in fields such as sustainable materials, AI-driven laboratory robotics, and next-generation energy applications. Companies including Nosh.bio, 3B Pharmaceuticals and Dunia Innovations earned places in international rankings, received prestigious awards and attracted attention through breakthroughs in their respective fields. Moreover, numerous awards for science and research further underscored the strength of Adlershof's research landscape, including the Berlin Science Award presented to battery researcher Philipp Adelhelm.



Current Construction Projects: A Focus on New Corporate Headquarters, Scientific Expansion and Housing

Construction activity across Adlershof in 2025 focused on the further development of existing working environments, the modernisation of laboratory and production facilities, and the creation of new spaces designed to link research and industrial application. At WISTA's Centre for Photovoltaics and Renewable Energy, additional rental space was created and technical infrastructure further expanded. Significant progress was also made in the site's digital infrastructure. Developments included the expansion of the LoRa-WAN network, further work on creating a "digital twin" for buildings and neighbourhoods, and the deployment of new sensor technologies for monitoring temperature and humidity. The development of new "worlds of work" also gathered pace. In January, Berlin's Senator for Economic Affairs, Franziska Giffey, officially opened the new ST3AM working environments in Adlershof. The Maker Space attracted new users, while machinery, systems and processes were further optimised and linked up with digital booking tools. The programmes offered by the WISTA Academy increasingly made use of these new facilities for workshops, future skills training and networking activities – underlining Adlershof's growing focus on collaborative ways of working.

Scientific institutions also continued to expand their infrastructure: The foundation stone was laid for a new laboratory and research building at the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM), while construction progressed on an additional laboratory and office building at Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin with a usable floor space of almost 7,000 square metres. Both projects are designed to strengthen the institutions' research capacities and create new opportunities for scientific methods, applications and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Adlershof is growing not only as a place to work, but also as a place to live. At the end of September, the first groundbreaking ceremony took place for the new Segelflieger Quartier development. Over the coming years, the 21-hectare site between Segelfliegerdamm, Groß-Berliner Damm, Gerhard-Sedlmayr-Straße and the adjacent Landscaped Park Johannisthal/Adlershof will see the construction of around 1,800 flats, one quarter of which will be social housing, including a daycare centre, a community centre, and 153,000 m² of commercial space, greatly expanding the Adlershof Technology Park. Construction of the first two residential projects on the site commenced at the end of 2025.



Particular attention was drawn to a number of corporate success stories in 2025 that high-lighted the diversity and future-oriented nature of Adlershof's innovation ecosystem. In bio-technology and environmental technologies, companies such as Dunia Innovations and 3B Pharmaceuticals, together with the Berlin-Brandenburg State Laboratory, continued to drive advances in diagnostics, materials research and environmental protection. Technologies developed in Adlershof featured prominently in media coverage throughout the year, ranging from chip-sized laser spectrometers and sustainable ship coatings to new AI-based approaches to data analysis. Established companies including MGI Tech and AEMtec also showcased international projects in 2025, helping to raise Adlershof's profile far beyond the German capital. The site's relevance as a national driver of innovation was further under-scored by high-profile political visits and events, including a visit by Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Governing Mayor Kai Wegner to Berlin Space Technologies (a leading manufacturer of small satellites) and conferences like Masterplan Industriestadt.



Future-Oriented Projects and High-Impact Networks

Future-oriented projects played a key role in shaping developments across Adlershof in 2025. Particular attention was given to climate adaptation, sustainable energy supply and digital infrastructure. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs is providing two Adlershof-based research projects focused on climate resilience with funding of 2.8 million euros. TransformResQ and ResQEnergy form a comprehensive cluster dedicated to climate adaptation and climate neutrality across the site. For the first time, and almost in real time, specialised sensors, monitoring programmes and digital platforms made it possible to analyse conditions across the site. These insights will serve as the basis for long-term strategies aimed at making Adlershof more resilient to extreme weather, more energy-efficient and more sustainable. A key element of this work was the continued development of the site's "digital twin", including the integration of climate-related data and new interfaces. This will increasingly enable companies and research institutions to assess the climate impact and efficiency of their own activities more effectively. At the same time, international partnerships and funding programmes helped accelerate the implementation of digital and sustainable solutions. One particularly significant development in sustainable heat supply was the successful completion of preliminary investigations by the GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences for Berlin's largest underground thermal energy storage facility, planned for Adlershof.

Another key priority for the future was talent development. Through initiatives such as Girls' Tech Days, STEM workshops, summer schools and career fairs, Adlershof continued to provide inspiration to young people interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The EU-funded SLE (STEAM Learning Ecologies) project brought together schools, universities, companies and research institutions within a single network, helping to introduce young people to modern technologies at an early stage. Programmes such as Discover STEM and workshops on future competencies proved highly popular and demonstrated that Adlershof offers genuine opportunities for the next generation. WISTA Academy continued its programmes in artificial intelligence, leadership, communication and career development, attracting growing numbers of participants. The message in 2025 was clear: Talent development and lifelong learning are among the most important drivers of sustainable site development.





Adlershof's networks continue to be a vibrant and essential pillar of the innovation ecosystem. Whether at the Adlershof Dissertation Award, the networking breakfasts of the Founder's Lab, or international delegation visits, the exchange between research and industry as well as within both sectors was more intensive than ever. Companies met research teams, scientists engaged with policymakers, and founders connected with experienced industry experts. The diversity of these encounters reflected not only the broad thematic range represented at the site but also the openness that has become one of Adlershof's defining characteristics. Knowledge is generated, shared, debated and developed further here – a fundamental prerequisite for innovation. Cross-sector event series and major conferences such as Photonics Days acted as catalysts for collaborative projects while further strengthening Adlershof's profile as a hub for globally significant future industries. The energy and dynamism of the site were also on display at events such as the Long Night of the Sciences, featuring a drone show, as well as numerous diversity and STEM initiatives. A visible example of Adlershof's commitment to sustainability in event management

was the Sustainable Berlin certification awarded to WISTA Conventions, the site's event services team, at the High Performer level. The certification recognises the department's holistic sustainability strategy and sends a strong signal for responsible event management in the German capital.

Despite the challenges of the past year, 2025 demonstrated the resilience of the Adlershof innovation ecosystem. The Technology Park remains a place where people come together to shape the future – with courage, a spirit of innovation, and a strong sense of community. Taken together, the year's developments made one thing clear: Adlershof continues to grow through new projects, new technologies and the ever-closer connections forged between the talented people on the site.



Places where we are driving Berlin forward:

CHIC: The Start-Up Forge in Berlin's City West Turns 10

In 2025, Charlottenburg Innovation Centre (CHIC) celebrated its tenth anniversary, marking a decade of demonstrating that innovation thrives in places where people come together. Intensive networking efforts attracted new tenants from the very beginning of the year, including companies specialising in fields ranging from project management to the energy transition. This trend solidified throughout the year. New companies such as CaseWhen Consulting, Nota AI, 123 Factory, Sectorlens, and other technology-driven start-ups further strengthened CHIC's profile in areas including artificial intelligence, data analytics, 3D visualisation and motion tracking. They were joined by high-tech companies specialising in geothermal energy and remote MRI technologies, highlighting the centre's growing thematic diversity. In addition, the Buena Wista Cafeteria quickly established itself as the social heart of the community. Regular formats such as Pizza & Beer and other community events attracted strong participation, combining and promoting lively exchange, visibility, and collegiality. Alongside these activities, new digital services and closer collaboration with strategic partners supported WISTA's wider mission, reinforcing CHIC's role as a community-oriented bridge between science and industry.



New “Worlds of Work”: IHK Working Spaces powered by ST3AM

In November, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK Berlin) and WISTA, together with Berlin's Governing Mayor Kai Wegner, jointly opened a new working environment at Ludwig Erhard House, designed to foster innovation through networking and creativity. The new space is aimed primarily at small and medium-sized enterprises and boasts a central location close to Technische Universität Berlin as well as the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Berlin University of the Arts. The goal is to promote and expand knowledge transfer, collaboration and the development of new business ideas between established companies and start-ups. This “world of work” encompasses around 1,400 square metres and comprises offices, desks and shared spaces for events, collaboration and focused work. Founders can also take advantage of on-site business advisory services. Flexible rent models allow users to rent either entire offices or individual workspaces. A key focus is on community management, delivered by WISTA. The partnership aims to strengthen Berlin's position as Europe's leading innovation hub by providing high-quality work environments and a vibrant co-work-

ing community that brings together the creativity and innovative capacity of Berlin's business community. Other ST3AM workspaces in Adlershof already serve as a benchmark for the concept's quality and impact. Additional locations are planned at House of Games and FUBIC, currently being created on the campus of Freie Universität Berlin. The ST3AM philosophy emphasises healthy work environments, synergies between key players, and inspiring surroundings as drivers for growth.



FUBIC: Celebrating its Topping-Out

Construction work at FUBIC progressed steadily throughout 2025. At the beginning of the year, the building reached its full structural height, internal walls were completed and contracts for key construction packages were awarded. As work continued, supporting structures and the ice thermal energy storage system were completed. By autumn, the shell of the building was largely finished, while installation of the building services and interior fit-out remained on schedule. The topping-out ceremony in October highlighted FUBIC's importance as a strategic centre for technology and research in Berlin.

Alongside the construction work, the project was advanced through close collaboration between specialists, partnering institutions and city stakeholders. Workshops and the development of new networks focusing on de-carbonisation, energy efficiency and sustainable district development strengthened the project's collaborative foundations. This spirit of interdisciplinary cooperation has become a defining characteristic of FUBIC as a place where research, business, administration, and society work in close collaboration – a core objective of WISTA as a bridge-builder.

The project's strategic positioning also became more clearly defined in 2025. FUBIC increasingly established itself as a connecting link between university research institutions, technology-driven

companies and knowledge-based start-ups. New exchange formats promoted knowledge transfer in areas including sustainable site development and climate adaptation.

Sustainability goals remained firmly embedded in the project: Climate impact assessments were further developed, while tools like the "digital twin" were integrated. Despite individual challenges, the overall project remained on a stable course. Procurement stayed within budget, and implementation continued to gather momentum.

Another important milestone was the completion of FUHUB, developed by Driven Investment GmbH, the first privately financed building on the campus. Its first tenants have already moved in, including a 600-square-metre Scale Up Lab designed specifically to support prototype development and scaling in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals and materials science.

With that, 2025 was a pivotal year for FUBIC. It continues to develop into a resilient, future-oriented innovation hub whose strengths lie in collaboration, scientific excellence and sustainable infrastructure, thus strengthening Berlin's science and business ecosystem in the long term.



House of Games: A Vibrant Ecosystem for Studios, Developers and Creative Talent

2025 was a year of important decision and visible progress for House of Games. At the beginning of the year, the focus was on the project's future location: Lux Tower, near Warschauer Straße, was selected as the preferred site and received a positive response from prospective tenants, including Ubisoft, game – The German Games Industry Association, and USK, a regulatory body for age ratings in software. At the same time, a comprehensive usage concept, incorporating both design and technical standards, was developed and submitted to the Supervisory Board for approval.

As the year progressed, the project gained significant public attention. Berlin's Governing Mayor Kai Wegner and Senator for Economic Affairs Franziska Giffey officially presented the House of Games, generating extensive media coverage and strong support from the games industry. Spanning around 10,800 square metres, House of Games will become a vibrant ecosystem for studios, developers and creative talent. Planning focused on a concept favouring activity-based, team-oriented working that prioritises shared spaces and gives particularly smaller companies access to professional studio facilities and workshop spaces.

Intensive networking with prospective tenants remained a central priority throughout the year. Workshops were held to develop new layouts that would accommodate a greater number of companies while creating attractive conditions for micro-businesses and small studios. Moreover, House of Games was showcased at Gamescom in Cologne, its corporate design finalised, and a dedicated website launched. Planning for the fit-out was carried out in close coordination with all stakeholders, enabling savings in some areas to be reinvested in additional improvements elsewhere in the building.

The Round Table Games, hosted by the Senator for Economic Affairs, highlighted House of Games as a strategic project for the future, underlining its growing importance within Berlin's innovation and creative ecosystem. At the end of the year, WISTA officially assumed responsibility for operating House of Games from medianet berlinbrandenburg e.V. and will take full operational responsibility for the project from 2026 onwards.



CleanTech Business Park Marzahn: Ensuring the Coexistence of Industrial Future Technologies and Nature Conservation

The CleanTech Business Park Marzahn (CBP) made further progress in 2025 towards becoming a pioneering industrial location for future technologies. Key priorities included the continued development of the site, close coordination with policymakers and public authorities, and the targeted preparation of the first companies moving in. Throughout the year, WISTA strengthened its role as a bridge-builder between science, industry, government and society, laying solid foundations for sustainable growth and technological innovation.

A major milestone was the approval of the Berlin Water Utilities' acquisition of land within the site by the management board and the Berlin Senate Administration. This cleared the way for key development areas and the creation of a strategic capital reserve to support the long-term implementation of the site's development objectives. At the same time, ecological surveys and species mapping were advanced, refined and completed over the course of the year. These provide the foundation for a development concept that ensures the coexistence of future industrial technologies and the protection of strictly protected species. A corresponding agreement between WISTA, Berlin Senate Administration, and the district administration was finalised in 2025 and officially signed during the second quarter.

Numerous discussions with investors reflected growing interest in climate-focused value chains and industrial transformation projects in Berlin. At the same time, existing plans for HH2E were revised after the company entered insolvency proceedings.

Land surveys and boundary demarcation carried out during the year created greater planning certainty for future development phases. In cooperation with the relevant authorities, maintenance measures and the foundations for a habitat network were developed to safe-guard ecologically valuable areas over the long term and integrate them into the site's development. The findings from the ecological surveys will form the basis for the next phase of implementation from 2026 onwards.

CBP also remained an important platform for networking and knowledge exchange. Events organised by Berlin's innovation hubs, working groups on energy, delegation visits and expert discussions all highlighted the site's strategic importance for sustainable industry, urban infrastructure and the transformation of Berlin's economy. Close collaboration with stake-holders in the Marzahn-Hellersdorf district further strengthened regional partnerships and demonstrated how collaborative development can make innovation hubs more resilient.



Gewerbehöfe 2.0: Prioritising Development on Bornitzstraße

In 2025, the development of WISTA's local hubs for the skilled trades (Gewerbehöfe 2.0) was shaped primarily by key strategic decisions, particularly regarding the planned Bornitzstraße site in Berlin-Lichtenberg. Early in the year, the Berlin Senate Departments for Economic Affairs, Energy and Public Enterprises and for Finance reached an agreement on the future management of the property should it be transferred to WISTA's assets – an important step towards the site's long-term development. As funding from the GRW Joint Task for the Improvement of Regional Economic Structures will not be available for the Gewerbehöfe 2.0 project, a revised development strategy is now being considered. This includes the option of phased construction – a flexible approach that reduces risk while preserving the long-term objective of creating a fully operational commercial innovation hub. Additionally, WISTA is assessing whether the long-term lease of privately owned commercial properties, for example in Marzahn or Schmargendorf, could provide an interim solution.

The WISTA Supervisory Board also confirmed the Bornitzstraße development as a strategic priority during the year. Initial discussions were held with the district nature conservation authority, and the next step will be to determine which additional ecological surveys are re-quired to provide a robust assessment of protected species as part of the planning process.

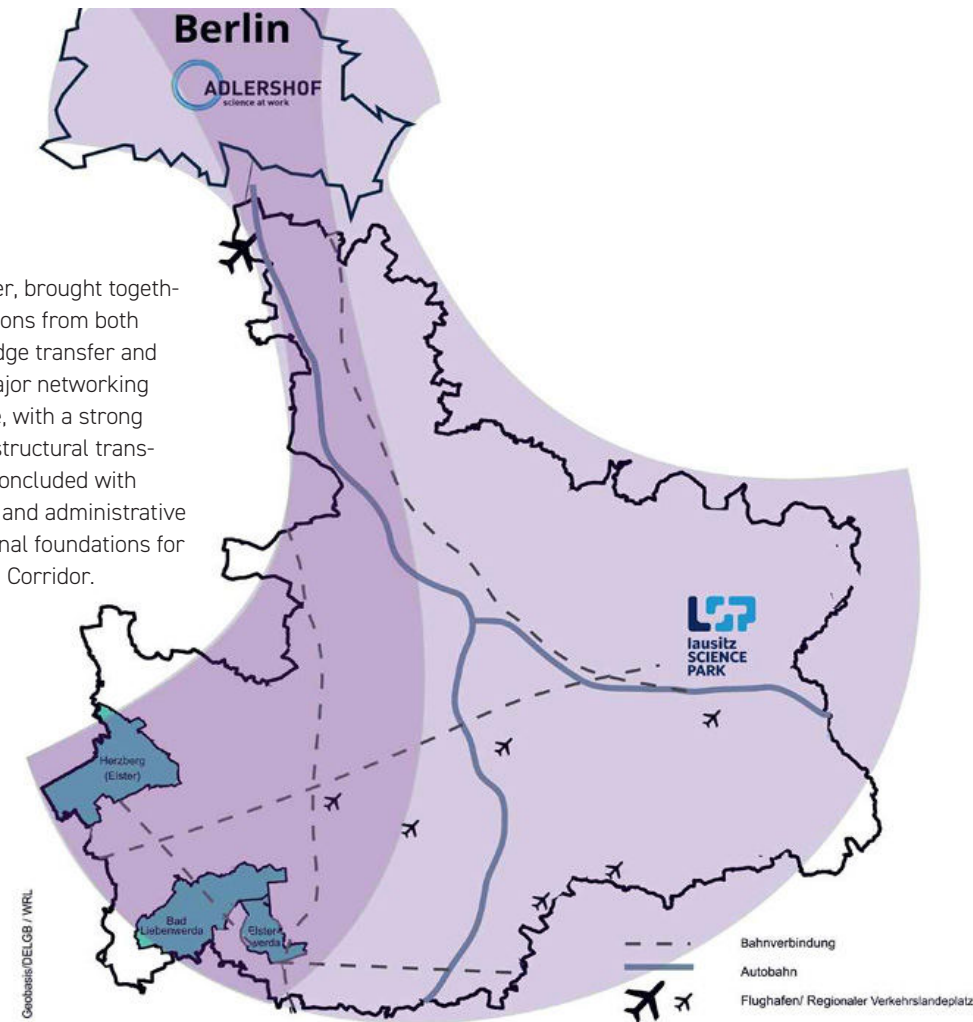


Berlin-Lusatia Innovation Corridor: The Future is Now

The Berlin-Lusatia Innovation Corridor continued to gain strategic depth in 2025. Early in the year, a joint corridor management team set up by WISTA and Wirtschaftsregion Lausitz (Economic Region Lusatia, WRL) laid the groundwork for the next phase of collaboration. A comprehensive report prepared for the joint cabinet meeting of the Berlin and Brandenburg state governments strengthened the political framework for the corridor's next development phase. WISTA once again played a key connecting role, contributing its expertise, particularly to the flagship Lusatia Science Park project and the strategic focus area of energy transition solutions.

Strengthening networks remained a central priority. Companies, research teams and regional stakeholders based along the corridor were brought together through a range of targeted initiatives. Two new company tours, numerous meetings and specialist events deepened regional cooperation, helping to unlock innovation potential and actively support the structural transformation of Lusatia. The Innovation Corridor also gained significant political visibility through a 20-minute presentation by the corridor management team to the Brandenburg State Parliament. Events including Decarbon Days at Lusatia Science Park, the Energy Technology Cluster Conference and several expert dialogues held at innovation forums in Berlin and Brandenburg further strengthened the corridor's profile as a centre for applied energy transition solutions and future technologies.

The second Presidential Breakfast, held in October, brought together the heads of universities and research institutions from both regions, generating fresh momentum for knowledge transfer and start-up support. Shortly afterwards, the third major networking event took place in Lübbenau, the regional centre, with a strong focus on mobility, collaboration in the context of structural transformation and local civic participation. The year concluded with continued cross-state dialogue involving political and administrative stakeholders, further strengthening the institutional foundations for the development of the Berlin-Lusatia Innovation Corridor.



In the Media

Technology Park Adlershof had an exceptionally high public profile in 2025. Extensive media coverage placed the site firmly at the heart of Berlin's innovation landscape. The annual Adlershof press conference in spring set the tone for much of the reporting. On 11.04.2025, **Berliner Morgenpost** ran the headline: "Where Berlin Companies Remain Optimistic Despite Every Crisis", while **Der Tagesspiegel** reported that Senator for Economic Affairs Franziska Giffey had described Adlershof as "the ideal place for international talent" on 12.04.2025. **rbb Abendschau** (11.04.2025) and **Märkische Oderzeitung** (15.04.2025) echoed this message, emphasising Adlershof's reputation as a reliable place for the future, particularly in challenging times.

On 20.06.2025, the regional broadcaster **rbb** devoted an entire evening of its live programme *Der Tag* to the campus. Viewers were given rare access to laboratories at Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin and the start-up Nosh.bio, offering a behind-the-scenes look at facilities that are normally closed to the public. Later in the year, on 23.11.2025, national radio broadcaster **Deutschlandfunk** featured Adlershof in a 30-minute edition of its programme *Sonntagsspaziergang*. Accompanied by an economic geographer from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and WISTA's Head of Communications, listeners were taken on a guided tour that painted a vivid picture of the Technology Park.

A major focus of media coverage in autumn was the three-day power outage caused by an arson attack on the local electricity network. Numerous news organisations, including **ZDF**, **dpa**, **rbb Inforadio** and **rbb Abendschau**, interviewed affected companies such as AEMtec, Integrated Lab Solutions (ILS) and C1 Green Chemicals. WISTA Managing Director Roland Sillmann was frequently asked to expand

on the situation, explaining the complexity of safely restarting highly sensitive production and research processes. For several weeks, the incident remained the dominant topic of reporting, with several hundred media reports recorded. The outage also prompted wider discussion about resilience, including reports by **rbb** on 09.10.2025 examining how critical infrastructure can be better protected in the future.

Adlershof's companies featured prominently in media coverage throughout the year. In an interview with **rbb Inforadio** on 11.04.2025, the medical technology company Magnosco explained that its optimism was based above all on "the people in our team and the collaboration at the site". On 26.11.2025, the television programme **Galileo** accompanied EvoLogics as its underwater robots searched for abandoned fishing nets, while **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung** (22.04.2025) explored the growing importance of AI-controlled underwater drones. Nosh.bio also received widespread attention. **Der Tagesspiegel** introduced the company's new product, "Koji Chunks", on 10.01.2025, while **Handelsblatt** (25.03.2025 and 25.05.2025) featured the start-up as part of a new generation of food technology companies. Successful investment rounds by companies such as Theion (**Der Tagesspiegel**, 20.03.2025) and C1 Green Chemicals (chemie.de, 20.03.2025) further highlighted the site's continued momentum.

Scientific achievements also attracted significant media attention. On 05.02.2025, **Der Tagesspiegel** reported on a new tandem solar cell world record achieved by Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin. On 25.01.2025, the **Berliner Morgenpost** featured the DLR Institute of Planetary Research, highlighting its leadership of the PLATO space mission. Other research institutions, including Reiner Lemoine Institute and Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, also received extensive coverage in pro-



grammes on **Radio Eins** and **rbb Inforadio**, particularly in relation to energy storage and quantum research.

The topic of infrastructure was a defining feature of the 2025 media landscape. On 23.01.2025, **Berliner Morgenpost** reported on the new working environment ST3AM, as did **Der Tagesspiegel** daily, covering its opening on the day and quoting Franziska Giffey with the words: "Adlershof is our Silicon Valley." The groundbreaking ceremony for BAM's new research building, future projects focused on climate resilience, the start of construction at the Segelflieger Quartier development, and degewo's residential development plans all received extensive media attention.

Beyond Adlershof, WISTA's other innovation hubs also attracted considerable media interest. The topping-out ceremony at FUBIC generated a wave of positive coverage in October 2025. Franziska Giffey's description of the project as "a really big deal" was widely quoted by outlets including **Der Tagesspiegel** and the **Berliner Morgenpost** (23.–24.10.2025). The single largest media response, however, followed the announcement of the House of Games site on 10.06.2025. The story was covered by a broad range of media, from **GamesWirtschaft** and the **taz** to **Radio Eins**, **rbb24**, the **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung** and **dpa**. Tagesspiegel's **Checkpoint newsletter** commented, "First level completed", while also pointing to the challenges that still lay ahead. A comprehensive interview with Roland Sillmann, broadcast by **rbb** on 10.06.2025, provided further insight into the project's strategic significance.

Towards the end of the year, public debate surrounding defence technologies intensified. Following the Berlin Senate's decision on 02.12.2025 to establish a defence technology ecosystem, WISTA also attracted nationwide media attention, with coverage ranging from

Süddeutsche Zeitung to **B.Z.** Commentary ranged from strong support to critical questions about Berlin's role in developing this emerging technology sector.

Taken together, the media coverage of 2025 presents a broad picture. Adlershof is widely perceived as a resilient and highly innovative place for the future, shaped as much by its people as by its technologies. At the same time, WISTA's other locations and projects further reinforced the organisation's role as a bridge-builder between science, industry and society as a whole.

A particular highlight was **Der Tagesspiegel's** series "The 100 Most Influential Figures in Berlin Science 2025", which featured several researchers from Adlershof. Tim Schröder of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin was recognised for his work on the building blocks of the quantum internet, including research into entangled states in diamond and specialised semi-conductor materials for communication and information processing. His award-winning research group at Ferdinand-Braun-Institut has secured substantial European and federal research funding for Berlin. Markus Krutzik (HU) was recognised for his work in quantum sensing. He develops highly accurate miniaturised sensors at chip scale, founded a start-up and launched Berlin's quantum technology hub LEAP, while also playing an active role in public engagement. Eva Unger (Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin) continues to advance the industrialisation of photovoltaics through perovskite solar cells and recently received the Helmholtz Impact Award for her contribution to a world-record tandem solar cell. Çiğdem İşsever (HU) conducts research into dark matter and the Higgs mechanism as part of CERN's ATLAS experiment, while also making cutting-edge physics accessible through films and public engagement formats. In the field of the circular economy, the Spark e-Fuels team, comprising Julia Bauer, Mathias Bösl and



Arno Zimmermann, is developing technologies that convert CO₂ into valuable raw materials, including synthetic aviation fuel. Their pilot plant in Adlershof is scheduled to begin operations in early 2026. Michelle Browne (Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin) is developing new catalysts for water electrolysis, while Philipp Adelhelm's research into sodium-ion batteries offers a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to lithium-ion technology. Both researchers received major honours during the year, including early-career awards and the Berlin Science Award. These achievements demonstrate how fundamental research in quantum technologies, materials science and energy research is laying the foundations for future industrial innovation and delivering long-term benefits for society

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80
Staff
(end of 2025)

31.9
mn.
euros
Revenues 2025

Shareholder:
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11.776 mn.
euros
Share capital

Committees:
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As an urban development agency of the State of Berlin, WISTA. Plan GmbH is responsible for developing the well-established technology park in Adlershof in line with its technology profile. It develops the sites, establishes building rights, and attracts companies. Beyond Adlershof, WISTA.Plan is active across Berlin. As an urban development agency, it manages the redevelopment area of the former Köpenick freight yard. Additionally, it develops other important places generating future innovation (Zukunftsorte), together with WISTA Management GmbH.

50
Staff
(end of 2025)

4.2
mn.
euros
Revenues 2025

Shareholder:
WISTA Management GmbH

25,000
euros
Share capital

Committees:
Shareholders' meeting

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113

Staff
(end of 2025)

**21
mn.
euros**

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**150,000
euros**

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