

## Media Information

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**From Goethe to Modern Debates on Progress.  
Current Discussion on 5G / Wireless Communication Technologies: Risks and Perspectives  
International Conference at the *Goethe Museum Düsseldorf*, Germany  
14 - 16 October 2022**

We live at a time of profound upheaval. We observe that particularly technological changes in our living environment are accelerating at a pace that balanced collective reflection processes in our society can hardly keep up with. This holds especially true for the rapid growth of the digital transformation and the ever more frequently deployed 5G / wireless communication technologies.

These developments, of course, can provide individual advantages, benefits, and conveniences. There are increasingly signs though that they can have a major adverse impact on our health and the environment, which is rarely or not at all a topic of public discourse.

What are the risks? - What perspectives and alternatives are under discussion?

After [the conference at Electoral Palace Mainz, 4 – 6 October 2019](#), the Kompetenzinitiative e.V. organizes another conference on the topic 5G in cooperation with the *Goethe Museum Düsseldorf*: **From Goethe to Modern Debates on Progress. Current Discussion on 5G / Wireless Communication Technologies: Risks and Perspectives, 14 – 16 October 2022, at the Goethe Museum Düsseldorf, Germany.**

The conference program provides an overview of the current state of the 5G / wireless communication technologies debate from various perspectives. An introduction to the recently finished, pioneering international study ATHEM 3 is followed by presentations in the areas of “Humanity and the Environment” as well as “Challenges in Science Policy and Society.” The conference will conclude with a panel discussion on “Perspectives” with representatives from politics and public life.

The conference will be livestreamed online. We welcome to join the conversation on progress toward technologies that are compatible with human health and the environment.

### More information

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