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# Almato → DevCon 2026

Technology Conference  
on AI and Data

11-12 June 2026

# The Semantic Intelligence Revolution.

Almato DevCon 2026 brings together more than 500 executives, technical decision-makers, developers, business partners, and AI experts from over 200 companies and public sector organizations to explore how clarity and direction can be established in increasingly complex data and AI landscapes. The conference focuses on AI and Data, with semantic intelligence as the connecting layer that turns information into insight, and insight into action creating a sustainable foundation for transparent, traceable, and reliable decision-making at scale.

## Event:

Almato DevCon 2026 unites strategic, public-sector, technical, and data-driven perspectives on AI and Data, from governance and leadership to hands-on development, advanced analytics, and real-world impact.

- The Semantic Intelligence Revolution
- Keynote Highlight: AI Literacy & Strategic Impact
- AI in Action: Build, Scale, Lead
- Digital Government and Sovereign AI
- Strategy and Automation Pre-Events



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# Our Keynote Speakers

## → Boris Palmer



Can artificial intelligence and digital transformation help solve bureaucracy instead of creating even more complexity?

Since 2007, Boris Palmer has served as Mayor of Tübingen and is known for his pragmatic approach to public administration, sustainability, and digital transformation. With an academic background in mathematics and history from the University of Tübingen and Sydney, Australia, he has focused on making political systems more efficient, resilient, and future ready.

Climate protection has been a key theme throughout his career, alongside his efforts to modernize administration and improve decision-making through practical, solution-oriented leadership.

In his keynote, **KI und Digitalisierung als Lösung für den Bürokratiewahnsinn?**, he will share his perspective on how AI and digitalization can become real solutions to Germany's administrative challenges and what leadership, courage, and practical execution are required to make this transformation successful.

## → Dr. Anastassia Lauterbach-Lang

Dr. Anastassia Lauterbach-Lang is CEO and Founder of AI Edutainment and Professor of AI and Cybersecurity. She advises Fortune 500 C-suite executives and speaks globally on AI literacy, cybersecurity, and responsible AI adoption.

With more than three decades of international leadership experience, she has held senior executive roles at Qualcomm, Daimler, Deutsche Telekom, and T-Mobile International, as well as board-level positions with organizations such as NASDAQ and Star Alliance.

Her perspective on AI and data is shaped by real-world impact. As a non-executive director at Wirecard, she initiated forensic investigations that helped uncover one of Europe's largest corporate fraud cases, underlining the importance of transparency, governance, and informed oversight in data-driven systems.

In her keynote, **Why AI Literacy Matters More Than Better Models**, she shares why understanding AI is becoming the true competitive advantage for organizations today.



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## → Laurenz Kirchner



Laurenz Kirchner is Managing Partner and Co-Lead of the AI and Data Division at valantic.

In his keynote **Digitale Souveränität und KI: Erfolgsfaktoren für Unternehmen 2026** he shares how organizations can become data driven and successfully integrate artificial intelligence into business models products and processes. With a background in architecture and an MBA he combines creative thinking with strong business judgment and provides clear practical perspectives on digital transformation and competitive advantage through Data and AI.

## → Chris Boos

A researcher in networks and artificial intelligence and a senior executive with expert knowledge and extensive experience in applying AI to real world transformation at corporate and government level. Drawing on his experience building mathematical frameworks for networks and a general AI platform, Chris offers a unique strategic perspective. Chris can predict why many AI initiatives fall short and how organizations can unlock value by embedding AI from within.

Today, his work focuses on fundamental research and bridging AI, enterprise transformation, and change management, helping enterprises, governments as well as the intelligence and military community turn technological potential into measurable strategical, tactical and business outcomes.

In his keynote, **Beyond GenAI: The Rise of Real AI**, Chris explores why artificial intelligence is at a turning point. While large language models have accelerated adoption, the real challenge lies in translating AI into measurable value.

He introduces the concept of “Real AI”, purpose built, deeply integrated systems that move beyond experimentation and deliver scalable, reliable impact in decision making, automation, optimization and analysis.



# Agenda 12 June

09:00 AM Registration + Check-in

## Mainstage

09:30 AM Opening: Christian Sauter, CEO, Almato

09:40 AM Welcome Address: Andreas Baresel, CEO, DATAGROUP SE

09:50 AM Keynote: Beyond GenAI: The Rise of Real AI

Chris Boos, AI Entrepreneur

12:10 AM Keynote: Why AI Literacy matters more than better models

Dr. Anastassia Lauterbach-Lang, Founder + CEO, AI Edutainment

03:45 PM Keynote: Digitale Souveränität und KI: Erfolgsfaktoren für Unternehmen 2026

Laurenz Kirchner, Managing Partner + Co-Lead, AI & Data Division, valantic

04:20 PM Keynote: KI und Digitalisierung als Lösung für den Bürokratiewahnsinn?

Boris Palmer, Mayor of Tübingen

### Executive Track ↓

10:25 AM -  
10:55 AM

DE | AI Transformation at Scale

Florian Duerr, VP AI + Digital Transformation, Eberspächer Group

11:00 AM -  
11:30 AM

DE | Agentic AI – Produktive Live Cases im Einsatz bei der Deutschen Telekom

Marco Einacker, Vice President Service IT, Deutsche Telekom Service

11:35 AM -  
12:05 PM

DE | KI Projekte im Profifußball: Wie KI abseits des Spielfelds messbaren Mehrwert schafft

Dr. Karoline Wild, Project Manager AI, VfB Stuttgart

### Developer Track ↓

EN | Empowerment with AI: Domain-First Development

Michael Ikemann, Head of Data + AI, Lechler

EN | Vibe, then Verify: Leveraging LLMs for Quality and Security in the AI Code Reality

Mathias Conrad, Staff Solutions Engineer, Sonar

EN | Deploying Custom Applications on Bardioc Semantic Data Platform

Andreas Schmid, CTO, Almato

### Public Sector Track ↓

DE | LLM-gestützte Analyse und Klassifikation im öffentlichen Sektor - KI-Engineering mit politischem Impact

Thorsten Eller, CIO, IHK Stuttgart

DE | Case Study Verwaltungsdigitalisierung auf Basis Semantischer Daten

Martina Schraml, Referentin, Ministerium des Inneren, für Digitalisierung und Kommunen Baden-Württemberg

Marc Müller, Senior Manager AI, Almato

DE | Souveräner Stack für Datenintegration und -Analyse: Palantir-Alternative für Staat und regulierte Organisationen

Stefan Dreher, COO, Almato

### Data Science Track ↓

EN | Hybrid is key – knowledge formalization as enabler for AI-driven engineering applications

Dr. Michael Dlugosch, Head of Business Unit Automotive, Fraunhofer EMI

EN | Understanding and Simulating Networks with Bardioc Data Explorer

Dr. Leonie Gehrmann, Data Exploration Consultant, Almato

DE | Daten verstehen, Muster erkennen: Mit Bardioc und Disy Cadenza räumliche Zusammenhänge sichtbar machen

Marcus Briesen, Chief Business Officer, Disy

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12:10 PM **Keynote: Mainstage (All Tracks)**

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12:40 PM **Networking Lunch (All Tracks)**

	Executive Track ↓	Developer Track ↓	Public Sector Track ↓	Data Science Track
01:35 PM - 02:05 PM	<p><b>EN   Driving Business Strategy with Data Platforms, Agentic AI, and Semantic Graphs</b></p> <p>Dr. Akhauri Prakash Kumar, Chief Strategy Advisor, Insights + Data North + Central Europe, Capgemini</p>	<p><b>EN   Connect Data Sources to Bardioc Semantic Data Platform</b></p> <p>Thomas Sellner, Director Process Automation, Almato</p>	<p><b>DE   Zwischen Hype &amp; Hyperscaler- KI in der öffentlichen Verwaltung</b></p> <p>Björn Beck, Head of Innovation Lab, State of Baden-Württemberg, State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg</p>	<p><b>EN   Semantic Exploration of OSINT Data: Practical Experiences with Bardioc</b></p> <p>Karsten Schmöcker, Director Application Engineering, Executive Officer, Almato</p>
02:10 PM - 02:40 PM	<p><b>DE   KI &amp; RPA: Vom Hype zur echten Wirkung – Wie intelligente Automatisierung den Customer Service transformiert</b></p> <p>Klaus Paul, Senior Manager Simplification, Telefónica Germany</p>	<p><b>EN   Bardioc Reasoning: Making Non-Deterministic AI Systems Accessible to Enterprise Developers</b></p> <p>Patrick Röglin, Senior Software Engineer, Almato</p>	<p><b>DE   Souveränität und Geheimschutz im Kontext wirtschaftlicher Rahmenbedingungen: Die DATAGROUP Defence Cloud</b></p> <p>Michael Herfordt, Project Manager, DATAGROUP</p>	<p><b>EN   Why Graph Technology Matters in Risk Forensics</b></p> <p>Khurram Husainy, Senior Director Risk Forensics and Compliance, Ankura Consulting Germany</p>
02:45 PM - 03:15 PM	<p><b>EN   From Semantic Data to Domain-Specific Operating Systems</b></p> <p>Dr. Maximilian Roth, Managing Director, Folivora Solutions</p>	<p><b>EN   The EU AI Act and its impact on software development – Regulatory requirements, risk classification, and development team considerations</b></p> <p>Francesco Caprio, Head of Department Software Engineering, DATAGROUP</p>	<p><b>DE   KI? Erst mal Daten aufräumen! Warum eine ehrliche Datenstrategie der Verwaltung mehr hilft als der nächste Hype</b></p> <p>Ralf Weygand, Partner, fastahead</p>	<p><b>EN   How to Move Beyond Black-Box AI</b></p> <p>Dr. Sebastian Koch, Manager Data + AI, valantic</p>

03:15 PM **Networking Break (All Tracks)**

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03:45 PM **Keynote: Mainstage (All Tracks)**

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04:20 PM **Closing Keynote: Mainstage (All Tracks)**

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05:00 PM **Evening Reception**

# Agenda 11 June

On the evening before DevCon, we host an exclusive gathering at top locations.

## Executive Roundtable

04:00 PM	<b>Check-in + Get Together</b>
04:30 PM	<b>Opening</b> Prof. Dr. Nils Herda
04:40 PM	<b>Welcome Address</b> Christian Sauter, CEO, Almato
04:45 PM	<b>Beyond GenAI: The Rise of Real AI</b> Chris Boos, AI Entrepreneur
05:15 PM	<b>Digitale Souveränität und KI: Erfolgsfaktoren für Unternehmen 2026</b> Dr. Horst-Florian Jaeck, Partner + Managing Director, valantic
05:45 PM	<b>Break</b>
06:00 PM	<b>Cyber Crime 2026: Dynamiken der Bedrohung und strategische Handlungsoptionen für Entscheider</b> Daniel Lorch, Lead Cybercrime Investigator, Kriminalinspektion 5 - Cybercrime und Digitale Spuren
06:30 PM	<b>Strategic Roundtable Discussion</b>
07:30 PM	<b>Private Executive Dinner</b>

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Achalm (Gewand) 2  
72766 Reutlingen

## AI + Hyperautomation Forum

04:00 PM	<b>Check-in + Get Together</b>
04:30 PM	<b>Opening and Welcome Address</b> Michael Arns, Director Process Automation, Almato
05:00 PM	<b>Intelligent Document Understanding with Microsoft AI Builder</b> Stay tuned – speaker to be announced soon
05:30 PM	<b>Interactive Lightning Use Cases</b> Michael Arns, Director Process Automation, Almato Peter Beckschäfer, Senior Manager, Almato
06:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
06:15 PM	<b>Power Platform meets GenAI</b> Julian Fuchs, IT Specialist, DZ BANK
06:45 PM	<b>Intelligente Steuerung und Orchestrierung von 3.000 Bots - Erfahrungen aus einer der größten Bot-Farmen Europas</b> Olivier Plein, Head of Automation Operations, Deutsche Telekom Service
07:15 PM	<b>BBQ + Networking</b> On the rooftop terrace – relaxed exchange in a unique atmosphere

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## About Almato

Almato, headquartered in Stuttgart, is Europe's leading specialist in AI-driven semantic data platforms. With Bardioc, the AI-powered Semantic Data Platform, Almato delivers a sovereign and high-performance solution for the intelligent use of data, available in various deployment models, including as Platform as a Service (PaaS).

Around 200 employees support organizations across industry, the public sector, and defense, working together with leading partners in data science, security, and solution development. In 2025, Bardioc was recognized by CIO Review magazine as the "AI-Powered Semantic Data Platform of the Year in Europe."

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