

Dear Sir or Madam,

Dear German-Turkish community,

Ahoy, cast off, full sail ahead! The German-Turkish Year of Science has gotten under way and is navigating towards closer cooperation with a plethora of events and projects. Two places where you should definitely make port are the 11th BMBF Forum for Sustainability in Berlin, which will be opened by the German Federal Minister of Education and Research, Prof. Johanna Wanka, and the German-Turkish Science Slam at the launch of Turkish Week at the University of Cologne.

1. Stopover: 11th BMBF Forum for Sustainability

Global topics of the future, such as [research into sustainability](#), demand a global perspective and approach. That is why international cooperation, as demonstrated by the new [high-tech strategy](#) and the BMBF "Internationalisation Strategy" action plan, is pursuing a new course. Sustainable development needs all hands on deck.

Mr Peter Webers, Head of the Department for Cooperation with Developing and Emerging Countries, Africa and the Middle East, will be holding a lecture at the [11th BMBF Forum for Sustainability \(FONA Forum for short\)](#) on what contribution the [International Years of Science](#) are making to sustainable development (also see the [DUZ brochure](#)) and what synergy effects can be utilised from a stronger connection with the [National Years of Science](#).

The Forum, which takes place from 23 to 24 September 2014 at the Ludwig Erhard Haus in Berlin, will revolve around the newly established BMBF framework programme "[Research for Sustainable Development](#)" (FONA³) to be published in 2015. Listed on the agenda are five parallel workshops covering all aspects of the FONA³ programme, starting with the contents and synergies of the research topics on cooperation in education and research, to flagship initiatives and their realisation. The aim of the FONA Forum is to highlight content-related synergies, to discuss new forms of future cooperation and involvement, and to advance the implementation of the FONA³ programme in conversations between experts from individual countries. Click this link to go straight to the [programme](#).

2. Stopover: German-Turkish Science Slam in Cologne

How do you get people excited about science and to connect across disciplines and across borders? By organising a Science Slam as part of the Year of Science, for instance. Young scientists will present

their research topics on stage in a pointed, entertaining and understandable manner. The audience will decide on the best presentation.

To launch the [Turkish Week at the University of Cologne](#), which will be opened on 7 November 2014 at the Piazzetta of the Historic Town Hall in Cologne, the University will host a German-Turkish Science Slam. Under the slogan "Science Bridging Nations", 3 young German scientists and 3 young Turkish scientists will take to the stage at the Science Slam to present their research topics relating to the themes of the German-Turkish Year of Science. This will be a refreshingly unique event from different perspectives and in the interests of joint cooperation. This will definitely be a highlight of the Turkish Week at the University of Cologne!

Turn your initiatives and events into an event of the German-Turkish Year of Science and enter your event into the [GTyOS calendar](#).

From your GTyOS team: a call for all hands on deck and full sail ahead!