The BMW Foundation will be a core partner of the Energy Resilience Leadership Group (ERLG). Dr. Heba Aguib, Member of the Board at the BMW Foundation, is joining the ERLG as co-chair alongside board members Ann Mettler (Breakthrough Energy), Christian Bruch (Siemens Energy), and Prof. Dr. Helmut Schönenberger (UnternehmerTUM).

The Energy Resilience Leadership Group brings together climate tech start-ups with CEOs from industry, policymakers, and the financial sector to identify, implement, and accelerate clean energy projects.

Launched at the 2023 Munich Security Conference by Breakthrough Energy and Siemens Energy, the goal of the ERLG is to enhance Europe’s energy resilience by rapidly bringing emerging climate technologies to scale and deploying commercially viable projects within 24 months.

As a core partner of this multi-stakeholder initiative, the BMW Foundation will help bring together climate tech start-ups, corporate CEOs, political leaders, and financial institutions at the technology frontier. The core partners of the initiative are Breakthrough Energy, Siemens Energy, UnternehmerTUM, and the BMW Foundation. The Foundation's main responsibility is to set the direction and guidelines for the ERLG. To do so, we'll bring in our long-standing expertise in creating rooms of trust to overcome differences in perspectives, and advocate for innovations and sustainable changes.

We believe that strong economies are vital for social cohesion and for the functioning of democracies. To drive the development of economies and societies, we need a fair and well-informed dialogue between business and politics that considers the interests of all societal actors.

In response to the impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, efforts are being made to address the shortage of affordable energy. With concerns about climate change growing, ensuring energy security has become a top priority. In light of this, the ERLG is dedicated to bringing together policy-makers, industry leaders, and the financial community to overcome obstacles and expedite the advancement of technologies that can reduce Europe's reliance on natural gas.

Together with its partners, the ERLG will address the following challenges:

- Accelerating electrification by building long-duration energy storage and improving power transmission.
- Strengthening Europe’s industrial base by leveraging zero-carbon sources of industrial heat.
- Providing people with affordable heat by renovating commercial and residential buildings to rapidly improve energy efficiency and dependability.

**About the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt**

The BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt unites economic innovators, political decision-makers, leading scientists, and representatives of civil society in a global network.

Together, we transcend borders, cultures, and systems to advocate for innovations and sustainable changes that pave the way for innovative economies and resilient democracies. These efforts serve as the foundation for a fairer and more livable future.

At the core of our endeavors is Responsible Leadership, as we firmly believe that a more just and inclusive society is possible when those in power understand and fulfill their responsibilities.

As a European foundation with a global perspective, we operate out of offices in Berlin and Munich.

More information about the BMW Foundation:
https://bmw-foundation.org/

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