



Communiqué de Presse

French Tech in Germany Awards 2025: Düsseldorf celebrates Franco-German innovation

Düsseldorf, September 11, 2025 – The third edition of the **French Tech in Germany Awards** took place on September 10, 2025, at the **Turbinenhalle of Stadtwerke Düsseldorf AG**, as an official part of the **Startup Week Düsseldorf**. Following the first edition in 2023 at the French Embassy in Berlin and the second in Munich in 2024, the event confirmed its role as a key gathering for the Franco-German tech ecosystem.

Opening speeches and institutional messages

The ceremony was moderated by **Cyril Catel**, General Secretary of La French Tech Düsseldorf, and **Pélagie Mepin-Koebel**, Board Member.

The official opening was given by **Julien Mounier**, CEO of Stadtwerke Düsseldorf, partner and sponsor of La French Tech Düsseldorf.

His Excellency **François Delattre**, Ambassador of France to Germany, addressed the **280 guests** and underlined the vitality of the Franco-German ecosystem:

“Many thanks to La French Tech Düsseldorf for the excellent organization of the *French Tech in Germany Awards 2025*, which honored outstanding personalities and organizations shaping the future of the Franco-German tech sector.”

A video message from **Mona Neubaur**, Minister of Economic Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia, and a speech by **Christian Zaum**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Düsseldorf, emphasized the strategic importance of strengthening Franco-German tech relations.

Lucie Finet, Deputy Director of Mission French Tech in Paris, highlighted the role of the **66 French Tech communities worldwide**, which help startups take their first steps in new markets.

Finally, the representatives of the three German communities – **Adrien Serres** (Düsseldorf), **Marie-Avril Roux-Steinkühler** (Berlin), and **Camille von Arnim** (Munich) – presented their local initiatives.

Winners of the French Tech in Germany Awards 2025

The jury, composed of **13 leading figures from the Franco-German tech and investment ecosystem**, faced the challenging task of selecting the winners among **34 nominees** across five categories. The decision was based both on the jury's expertise and the results of a **public vote involving more than 850 participants** in August.

The 2025 award winners are:

- **Best GreenTech: ROSI** – represented by **Yun Luo**
- **Best BeautyTech: Planity** – represented by **Antoine Puymirat**
- **Best VC / Investor: XAnge** – represented by **David Erhun**
- **Best AI / DeepTech: PAIRE** – represented by **Pierre Saudin**
- **Best Woman in Tech: Céline Bayer**, Lemonway

To the surprise of the audience, the jury introduced a **sixth special prize**: the “**Coup de cœur du Jury**”, awarded to **ELECTRA** – represented by **Maxim Ilkov** and **Florian Steverding**. The award was presented by Ambassador **François Delattre** and **Lucie Finet**, Deputy Director of Mission French Tech.

Quotes from the winners

Yun Luo, CEO of ROSI (Best GreenTech):

“Receiving this award is a great recognition of our work towards more sustainable technologies. It also encourages us to strengthen our presence in Germany and contribute to the future of Europe's energy transition.”

A platform for the Franco-German tech ecosystem

By bringing together startups, scale-ups, investors, policymakers, and institutional representatives, the **French Tech in Germany Awards 2025** reaffirmed their role as a **platform for visibility and networking** for those shaping Europe's technological future.

Press visuals

An initial selection of royalty-free photos from the ceremony is available. Additional visuals will be added to this folder in the coming days:

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About La French Tech Düsseldorf e.V.

La French Tech Düsseldorf e.V. has been part of the official French Tech network since 2023, an initiative of the French government to promote innovation and startups worldwide. The Düsseldorf community acts as a bridge between France and North Rhine-Westphalia, with a focus on GreenTech, RetailTech, Customer Experience, and E-Commerce.

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