

IMAGINE 26

Future on Track: Where Key Technologies Connect

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CALL FOR ARTISTS: IMAGINE26

Make the Future Visible. Shape the Key Technologies.

Vienna | 2026 | IMAGINE – The Flagship Event for Digital Key Technologies

The future is not just written or invented. It is **computed, simulated, folded, and built**.

The Austrian Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) invite austrian artists to engage with the **five digital key technologies** and give them a creative voice.

The Challenge

How does the world look when **Artificial Intelligence** and **Data** are not just tools, but co-authors? What does **Quantum Phenomena** sound like? How does an **Advanced Material** feel when it reacts to light? How does a **Robot** interact with human empathy?

We are seeking artistic concepts that explore the **synergies** of these technologies. Show us how they work together, drive each other forward, and create new, powerful ecosystems.

The Five Key Themes

Your concept may explore one or more of these fields:

1. **Artificial Intelligence & Data Innovation** (From generative art to data-driven narratives)
2. **Chips, Electronic Components & Systems** (The hardware of tomorrow as an aesthetic object)
3. **Quantum Technology & Photonics** (Making invisible forces visible)
4. **Advanced Manufacturing & Robotics** (The interface between human and machine)
5. **Advanced Materials** (Materials that think, feel, and transform)

The Prize: Access to Cutting-Edge Infrastructure

- The winner receives an exclusive **one-week Artist-in-Residence** (Note: Accommodation and meals are not included) at AI Factory Austria AI:AT.

Following an individual consultation, we will curate a tailored program including business and technical consultation, exchange of ideas, and access to our ecosystem.

This is your chance to access resources and build connections usually reserved for major research institutes. The winner will be announced at **IMAGINE26**

How to Apply

Submit:

- A concise concept paper (max. 2 pages): What is your idea? Which technology(ies) will you use? What is the intended impact?
- A portfolio (PDF or link) of previous works.
- Optional: Sketches or visualizations of the proposed artwork.

Deadline: October 10th, 2026 **Submit to:** daniela.murhammer-sas@bmimi.gv.at

Why Participate?

IMAGINE26 is more than an event; it is a place where **innovation happens at the intersection of disciplines**. Your art can be the catalyst that reconnects science, industry, and society.

Apply now and become part of the IMAGINE26 ecosystem!

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Name of the Artist

Description in max. 400 words