



Press Release

Nico Rosberg receives German-British #Freundship Award 2026 ***Award from the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany (BCCG) and the British Embassy in Germany recognizes exceptional commitment to German-British relations***

Berlin, 5th February, 2026 – The **Formula 1 World Champion 2016** and **entrepreneur Nico Rosberg** will receive the **German-British #Freundship Award** in Berlin on **11th March**. He is the fourth recipient of the award, following **Jürgen Klopp**, artist **Tacita Dean**, and the late **Dame Vivienne Westwood**, who have all made outstanding contributions to friendship and cooperation between Germany and the United Kingdom. The BCCG German-British #Freundship Award is presented every two years to personalities from the worlds of business, politics, culture, or sports who, through their work, have made an outstanding contribution to strengthening relations between the two countries.

"This 'Freundship Award' is special. It is the first to be presented since the successful conclusion of the Kensington Treaty – the friendship and bilateral cooperation agreement between Germany and the United Kingdom. I am delighted that Nico Rosberg, a top athlete and entrepreneur who, through his actions, promotes sustainable and innovative technologies across national borders, is being honoured," emphasizes **Andrew Mitchell CMG, Ambassador of the United Kingdom**.

"A look at the global political situation shows that bilateral engagement, international understanding, and multicultural solidarity are fundamental pillars of peaceful coexistence and are needed now more than ever. Nico Rosberg personifies the close exchange between Germany and the United Kingdom. By advancing innovative solutions and the adoption of technology, he connects our countries in a future-oriented way," said **BCCG President Michael Schmidt**, summarizing the jury's decision.

"Nico Rosberg embodies the values that the German-British #Freundship Award stands for: openness, respect, and acceptance, as well as cross-border cooperation. His sporting, economic, and social commitment is an inspiration to people in both countries, and strengthens the relationship between them," said **jury chairman John Kampfner**, explaining the choice of this exceptional individual.

The award ceremony will take place during a festive gala in the **DZ Bank AXICA Lounge on Pariser Platz**, attended by renowned guests from politics, business, sports, and culture. The award ceremony will be hosted by jury member and TV presenter **Mareile Höppner**. The award itself was designed and created by internationally renowned **artist Alexander Luzius Ziermann**.

Jury members: **Dr. Katarina Barley**, Vice President of the European Parliament, **H.E. Susanne Baumann**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, **Dr. Ingrid Hengster**, Barclays Bank, **Peter Heydecker**, EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG, **Dame Wera Hobhouse**, Member of the UK Parliament, **Theo Koll**, journalist, **Kristina Lunz**, Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy, **Prof. Klaus Josef Lutz**, BayWa AG and Munich Chamber of Commerce and Industry, **Motsi Mabuse**, TV presenter, **Bibiana Steinhaus-Webb**, FIFA.

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