

# Save the Date - KIF 52,0 in Kaiserslautern

52,0. Konferenz der Informatikfachschaften vom 8. - 12. Mai 2024

## Quick Facts

**Date:** 08th - 12th of May 2024

**Location:** Rheinland-Pfälzische Technische Universität Kaiserslautern  
Landau, Gottlieb-Daimler-Straße, 67663 Kaiserslautern

**Check-In:** 8th of May till 5 pm, in front of room 48-207

**Registration:** via <https://tix.kif.rocks/520/> as soon as registration is open (email will follow) by 30 April or 7 April if you want a T-shirt

**Participation fee:** 25,00 € including catering, accommodation and T-shirt

## What is the KIF?

The Konferenz der Informatikfachschaften (KIF for short) is the national conference of the German-speaking computer science student councils, which takes place every semester at different universities over 5 days. The KIF has been held for over 50 years and attracts around 250 participants each time. This makes the KIF the largest network meeting of its kind.

All computer science faculties from German-speaking countries are invited, but in principle anyone who is interested can attend. The KIF is therefore not only attended by organized student representatives, but also by other interested people (from computer science or other departments, "alumni" and students from other countries). Around 250 highly committed students come together at the KIF to exchange experiences, discuss problems together, work out solutions and jointly initiate resolutions. Thanks to the cozy atmosphere and sufficient time, it is easy to get to know the other student councils and maintain contacts that have already been made.

More information about the KIF and its principles and working methods can be found in the [Wiki](#).

## Financing

The KIF 52.0 is associated with a high financial expense. In order to keep the participation fee as low as possible, we are funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. We are also supported by numerous sponsors, whom we would like to thank in advance. Without this huge financial support, the KIF would not have been possible. All sponsors can be found in the [Wiki](#).

Regarding the participation fee, we recommend that you contact your student council. Most student councils and student representatives cover the participation fee and travel costs. Just ask them about it.

## Arrival

We are lucky enough to have a campus university, which is where the KIF takes place. The address for the correct building is Gottlieb-Daimler-Straße 48 or simply Building 48. If you are traveling by car, there are plenty of parking spaces near Building 52. If you are traveling by train, we recommend the main station. From there, there are regular buses to the university. These are the 115 (platform B, towards the university). The bus stops closest to the university are Uni Ost and Uni Zentral. Line 105 (platform A, direction Uni Wohngebiet) also stops at the Uni Zentral stop.

If you don't have a public transport ticket or can't get funding to get from the station to the university, please get in touch with us. We will then try to find a solution together so that you don't have to walk.

## Packing list

If you've never been at a KIF before or if it's been a while since your last KIF, please take a look at the detailed [packing list](#).

This is a general KIF packing list, so here are the special features of the 52.0 KIF:

- You do not need cutlery, plates and/or deep plates or bowls, cups.
- We provide hygiene articles for menstruating people.
- The KdV (Kasse des Vertrauens aka. a small kiosk) will be equipped with necessary hygiene articles such as shower gel, deodorant or toothbrush/toothpaste. There is also a Lidl supermarket right next to the campus. So it's not a problem if you forget anything.

## Catering and accommodation

The participation fee includes the "Ewiges Frühstück" (a continuous breakfast buffet) as well as a hot meal on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Please indicate your food preferences (vegan/vegetarian/with meat as well as allergies) when registering so that we can plan the hot meals accordingly; the "Ewiges Frühstück" will have vegetarian/vegan options as well as meat.

In addition, there will again be a KdV (Kasse des Vertrauens aka. a small kiosk) where snacks and drinks as well as the most important hygiene articles can be purchased. For everything else, there is a Lidl supermarket right next to the campus.

Plates and cutlery will be provided by us. However, if you would like to bring your own, please remember that it should be labeled and preferably dishwasher-safe.

We provide a sports hall for overnight stays, which is included in the participation fee. The hall is equipped with communal showers. There will probably be a separate room, which may only be used by people identifying as female.

If you do not wish to stay in a sports hall, you are of course free to book other accommodation at your own expense. Our university has a framework agreement with the B&B Hotel, which is located near the main railway station (approx. 2.5 km from the campus). Please contact us if you are interested and for further information.

## Programme

**Wednesday, 08.05:** Arrival and check-in

- from 16:30: First Kiffel Plenary - An introduction for all first-time Kiffels
- from 18:00: Opening plenary session - official welcome and start of the KIF

**Thursday, 09.05:** Time for working groups

**Friday, 10.05:** Time for working groups, possibly intermediate plenary session at 18:00

**Saturday, 11.05:** Time for working groups, finalization of the draft resolutions

- from 19:00: Final plenary session - presentation of the results, discussions and voting on the draft resolutions

**Sunday, 12.05:** Breakfast, time for farewells and departure

You can find an up-to-date timetable on our [website](#). If you have an idea for a working group, you are welcome to enter it in the [working groups Submission](#).

## Culture day

Unfortunately, there will not be a culture day. However, we are planning a pub crawl and a night hike. There will also be a short morning workout every day before the first working group starts to wake you up. We also recommend a nice walk in the beautiful Palatinate Forest at any time.

## Engeln

In addition to a large financial outlay, the KIF is also associated with a large organizational and personnel outlay. We are therefore very dependent on your active help! Helping at a KIF is called "engeln". We organize all so-called Engel shifts via the [Engel system](#). If you would like to support us, please drop by and sign up for a shift or Engel type. For example, we need help with breakfast, lunch and washing up.

The whole thing is of course non-binding and helps us to estimate how many angels we still need. When it is possible to sign up for specific shifts, you will be informed accordingly. If you take on two or more shifts, you will receive a small surprise as a thank you. **If we manage to have all the Engel shifts filled by the registration deadline, i.e. 30th of April, there will be an additional surprise for all participants!**

## Registration and participation fee

Registration for the KIF 52.0 is possible at <https://tix.kif.rocks/520>. As soon as registration is open, we will send you a separate email. For planning purposes, we ask you to register by 30th of April. If you would like to receive a T-shirt, we need your registration by 7th of April so that the shirts are ready in time.

The participation fee for the KIF is 25 €. This includes access to all rooms of the KIF and its events, access to the "Ewiges Frühstück", hot meals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and, if desired, a T-shirt (registration by 7 th of April).

There is also the possibility to purchase a supporter ticket, where you can pay a higher amount in order to support the KIF, otherwise the tickets are identical.

When you register, we will also ask you about various things that are important for our planning, such as eating habits, sleeping requirements etc.

Please fill in these questions thoroughly so that we can make the KIF as pleasant as possible for you.

## Communication

The most important information will be sent to all participants via the email address used for registration.

However, for everything else and for faster communication with us and the other KIF participants during the conference, we recommend using Matrix Messenger: when you register, you will be automatically invited to the relevant chats after entering your Matrix ID.

## Code of Conduct and Awareness-Team

To ensure that the KIF is a safe place where everyone feels comfortable, we have drawn up a [Code of Conduct](#) (CoC). By participating in our conference, you accept our CoC and undertake to comply with the [house rules](#).

KIF 52.0 also has an awareness team: members of the awareness team can be contacted if you feel that your rights as formulated in the CoC have been violated or if you simply need someone to talk to.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the awareness team, please introduce yourself in this [pad](#).

## Questions and contact

If you have any further questions or uncertainties, please contact us via Matrix or directly at [kif@fsin.fo](mailto:kif@fsin.fo). In the [Wiki](#) you will also find all the information that is currently available. We update this information regularly. In addition, you are of course welcome to contact our [student council](#) beforehand.