



## Stephan Rath

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### **Profile**

Stephan is employed at the Gelsenkirchen Science Park as a project manager since June 2020. By supporting the city administration and relevant specialized departments in approach, participation and technical assistance to local agents and companies, Stephan promotes energy and sustainability projects. He initiates and supervises networks of local companies and institutions that are to contribute to achieving the city's ambitious climate protection goals.

### **Career**

He studied at Ruhr University in Bochum and is a qualified geographer focusing on urban and regional development management (M.Sc.).

Combining personal and professional interests, he focused on sustainability and climate issues at an early stage. He was responsible as project manager for developing ten energy-related neighborhood concepts within the framework of the European-funded Innovation City roll out-project.

His experience lies primarily in developing energy-related renovation and action concepts for cities, networking with local and regional housing companies and energy suppliers, and supporting climate protection and climate adaptation processes at the municipal level.

In addition, he is also involved in projects that integrate climate protection and sustainability. He represents the Science Park in international and regional networks and working groups on this specific topic.

### **About Gelsenkirchen Science Park**

The Gelsenkirchen Science Park, built as part of the International Building Exhibition Emscherpark (IBA), is recognized nowadays as an innovation hub in the Ruhr region (Germany). In addition, the technology center offers innovative, inspiring and optimal working conditions under the motto "Working in the Park.". It is the home of companies and start-ups from different sectors such as medicine, IT, cyber-security, research, and extracurricular education. Awarded several times as "one of the best business centers in Europe", the Science Park holds expert meetings and discussions on current topics, especially in the energy, health, IT and creative industries. After constructing what was in 1996 the world's largest solar plant, the Science Park focused on energy and climate protection early on. This milestone led to the formation of a project team within the operating company, where Stephan Rath oversees local projects and networks on sustainability, climate protection and renewable energies.



As part of the city group, the Science Park and its project team work hand in hand with the departments of the environment, business development and urban planning of the city administration.

### **Links**

- <https://www.wipage.de/>
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