Portugal 17 November

You will do a **short speech**, followed by a **Q&A**, moderated by family friend (and former Bild/Politico journalist) **Julian Reichelt** – **one hour in total**.

**Background & audience**

It’s the 50th birthday party of Dr Daniel Gotthardt, son of Frank Gotthardt. There will be 40 guests, all family (most of whom are entrepreneurs, tech entrepreneurs, business owners) and close friends (most of whom are doctors/medical sector), mostly from Germany. Frank and Daniel are both passionate about politics (inc UK) and international affairs. Frank has arranged for you to attend as a surprise for Daniel. The event is being used exclusively for this event, no other guests on site. It’s completely private, no media, Chatham House rule.

It’s a very informal set up in a villa, so you will deliver your opening remarks while seated, then into the Q&A.

The Q&A will be all the usual topics – Russia/Ukraine, China, middle east, US, net zero, science superpower/med tech, reflections on your time in office, what you’re up to now, plus a couple of specific questions:

1. You're coming to the end of your own 50s. What is your life advice for someone turning 50 in a few hours?
2. What are your thoughts on the attack on Israel and the apparent rise of Islamism in our cities, from London to Berlin?
3. With regard to that, did Europe get immigration wrong?
4. Looking back, was Brexit a success (so far)?
5. A broader question, we are witnessing an era where Churchill who defeated the Nazis is canceled for racism and men win women's sport contests. Wokism has taken over almost all prestigious universities. How will our children look back at these times?

After the Q&A you’ll mingle with guests for an hour.

Frank Gotthardt is a Forbes list founder and entrepreneur and for decades has been a supporter of various political activities within the German political party CDU (no other party affiliations).

I am waiting for a bit more information on Daniel so you can offer your personal birthday wishes to him at the start of your speech.

The event is being organised (and you are being paid for it) by Frank Gotthardt’s private company GT4 Software und Beteiligung GmbH, registered in Germany.