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The German Centre for Astrophysics (DZA) is a large-scale research centre located in the heart of Europe, in the border area of Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. With its unique combination of astrophysics, digitalisation and technology development, the centre aims to be a driver of innovation in Lusatia through cutting-edge research, thereby supporting the region in its transformation into a science region. Regional networking, education and science communication play an essential role in the DZA. Together with a strong network of regional partners from education, research, society and culture, we want to build on Saxony's history of astronomy and space science and write a new chapter with the local people. Our approach is decentralised, low-threshold, transparent and cooperative. In this presentation, we briefly introduce the concept of science communication and regional networking at the DZA, present our initial experiences with participatory formats in rural areas and provide an outlook on further planned developments and activities.

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