

# **Making the socio-ecological transformation of the economy work: Linking green recovery programmes with structural reforms**

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner is President of the German Environment Agency since January 2020. He previously served as Director of the Institute for Environment and Human Security of United Nations University (UNU-EHS) in Bonn, Germany, and Vice Rector of the United Nations University (UNU). Prior to becoming Director of UNU-EHS in October 2018, Prof. Messner had been Director of the German Development Institute from 2003-2018. Prof. Messner is an internationally recognised expert on globalisation / global governance, transformation pathways to sustainability, decarbonization of the global economy, sustainability and digital change, and international cooperation and societal change. Prof. Messner has also been a member of a number of high-ranking policy advisory councils, including co-chairing the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)

and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Germany and is member of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED).

HOW IS THE TOPIC OF THE PANEL RELATED TO YOUR EVERYDAY PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND/OR YOUR VITA?

At the German Environment Agency we work with 1700 people on many aspects of the socio-ecological transformation. Everything I did before was about sustainability - and Germany is particularly important in the international context for this. Whether such a large exporting nation manages to bring about the change towards more climate and environmental protection and at the same time more social justice and economic opportunity will send a signal to the world. What

motivates me is that the decisions are now at the top of the political agenda: There is a new green consensus among economic experts on how to kick-start the recovery – with a focus on sustainability: the turnaround in energy and mobility, urban renewal, the future of agriculture, the recycling industry or chemical safety.

## LINKS

 <https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en>

# Dr. Florian Weig

SVP Corporate Strategy

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Florian Weig is the Senior Vice President for Corporate Strategy at the BMW Group and based in Munich. Before joining BMW Group in 2020, Dr. Weig worked for 20 years with McKinsey & Co. Inc. in the Munich and Los Angeles offices. As a Senior Partner he was the Global Leader of McKinsey's Product Development Practice and since 2016 the Managing Partner of the Munich office. Dr Weig holds a diploma in Physics from Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. In 2003, he earned a PhD in Economic Geography at Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena.

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WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT REGARDING THE PANEL AND/OR THE TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE IN GENERAL?

The transportation industry is clearly one of the crucibles of the sustainability transformation. My role as the head of corporate strategy is to ensure that BMW emerges as a leader from this transformation. Mobility is a basic human need and right, and we at BMW believe in and stand for an individual mobility, that is joyful and responsible. BMW Group's sustainability strategy lays out our core beliefs in charting a course for fulfilling the Paris climate agreement from cradle to grave. I look forward to discussing our approach and convictions with my co-panelists.

## LINKS

➤ Sustainability Strategy:

[https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0312166EN/\\_no-premium-without-responsibility-bmw-group-makes-sustainability-and-efficient-resource-management-central-to-its-strategic-direction](https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0312166EN/_no-premium-without-responsibility-bmw-group-makes-sustainability-and-efficient-resource-management-central-to-its-strategic-direction)

➤ BMW Group Sustainability Report 2019:

[https://www.bmwgroup.com/content/dam/grpw/websites/bmwgroup\\_com/responsibility/downloads/en/2020/2020-BMW-Group-SVR-2019-Englisch.pdf](https://www.bmwgroup.com/content/dam/grpw/websites/bmwgroup_com/responsibility/downloads/en/2020/2020-BMW-Group-SVR-2019-Englisch.pdf)

# Annette Wagner

Head of Sustainability and Ideas Lab

Robert Bosch GmbH



## CURRICULUM VITAE

Annette Wagner is heading the Corporate Office Sustainability and Ideas Lab at the headquarters of Robert Bosch GmbH in Stuttgart since April 2018 where she is responsible for the company's sustainability strategy and sustainability reporting. Prior to that she was Head of the EU Affairs Office of Robert Bosch GmbH in Brussels (2016 - 2018), where she was working as a Senior Manager for Governmental and Political Relations with a focus on energy and environment policies beforehand.

Before joining Bosch, Annette oversaw the European Union's policy on environment, climate and energy for the Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector of Baden-Württemberg, Germany (2011 - 2013).

Annette studied political science and French philology (Bachelor of Arts at Freie Universität Berlin) and holds a Master's degree in European Studies from Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder. Annette is married and has two children.

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Together with my team, we shape Bosch's sustainability strategy – and its transformation to become even more sustainable. Not only have we set ourselves clear targets in the field of CO2, energy efficiency, renewable energies, and water scarcity, but also do we foster our efforts to work towards a circular economy. Personally, I am convinced that if you want to succeed economically, you have to act sustainably.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT REGARDING THE PANEL AND/OR THE TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE IN GENERAL?

I am looking forward to gaining new insights and have lively discussions on transformation in times of crisis.

LINKS

 [www.bosch.com/sustainability](https://www.bosch.com/sustainability)

# Sabine Nallinger

Managing Director

Foundation 2° - German CEOs for Climate Protection



## CURRICULUM VITAE

Since September 2014, Sabine Nallinger is Managing Director of Foundation 2° - German CEOs for climate protection (Stiftung 2° - Deutsche Unternehmer für Klimaschutz) in Berlin.

As a trained city and transport planner, Sabine Nallinger worked for 20 years on scientific and practice-oriented projects on future concepts for metropolitan areas, environmentally compatible regional, urban and transport planning as well as mobility management. She worked for the state capital of Munich and for the Munich Transport Corporation.

From 2008 to 2020, she was member of the Munich City Council for the Green Party, where she oversaw energy, urban development and transport policy issues. In 2014, she ran for the Mayor's Office in Munich. She was an elected member of the Main Committee of the German

Association of Cities and the Transport and Economic Committee of the Bavarian Association of Cities. Sabine Nallinger is member of the Supervisory Board of Vattenfall Wärme Berlin AG.

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Sustainability is driving me most of my professional life. At Foundation 2°, we bring together corporations from all industries. Based on the belief that the economy obviously is the main driver of climate change - but also has a central role if we want to make climate protection work.

We have to reach our climate goals and make our economy more resilient with regard to future crises. Making the socio-ecological transformation of the economy work calls for linking green recovery programmes with structural reforms. We have to build back better. Our goal to make Europe the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 needs an unprecedented cooperation between politics, society and business - in Germany as a main driver and with our European partners.

Against this background, I am looking forward to the discussion with such a diverse panel bringing together different stakeholders with their perspective and expertise.

LINKS

 <https://www.stiftung2grad.de/en>