



Bundesnetzagentur



**Dr. Annegret Groebel** has studied economics at the University of Heidelberg and Paris-Dauphine and was a researcher at the University of Mannheim where she also got her doctorate in 1996.

Dr. Groebel has worked for the German Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Post since 1997 (renamed in 2005 to Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas, Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen [Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway]).

Dr. Groebel has held the post of Head of Section "International Co-ordination" in the German Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Post since 2001 and was promoted Head of Department International Relations/Postal Regulation in 2009. She also holds key positions at the Independent Regulators Group (IRG). She is actively involved in the work of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). She is responsible for all contacts to other European and non-European regulatory bodies as well as for the contacts with the European Commission, including CEER (Council of European Energy Regulators), ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators) in the energy field, ERG-Post and IRG Railways.

In March 2012, she was appointed Vice-President of CEER and became the alternate member of the ACER Board of Regulators representing BNetzA at the BoR Plenary meetings. On 27 April 2016 she was appointed as Vice-Chair of the ACER Board of Regulators, her term ended on 19 October 2017. Since 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 she is CEER President. Since August 2013 she is co-chairing the Market Integrity and Transparency Working Groups of ACER and CEER.

She is also representing BNetzA in the ERG Post. In November 2013 she was appointed for the first time to be a member of the NER Bureau (the Network of Economic Regulators is a Working Group of the OECD looking at cross-sectoral governance issues of economic regulators) supporting the NER Chair Luigi Carbone (AEEGSI/Italy), and his successors Jean-Yves Ollier (CRE/France) and Montserrat Ramiro (CRE/Mexico) as well as Anne Yvrande-Billon (ART/France). Her term as NER Bureau member was renewed in 2015, 2018 and in 2019.

She has expertise in the European regulatory framework for electronic communications and implementation, as well as the regulatory framework for the internal energy market and the postal framework. She is lecturing at universities in Germany, the Florence School of Regulation (FSR) in Italy, and Switzerland. She is regularly publishing articles in the field of regulation and presenting at scientific and other conferences. She has advised public authorities on regulatory reform and sector specific regulation and participated in several Twinning Projects of the EU.

## **The Bundesnetzagentur**

The Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway, or Bundesnetzagentur as it is commonly known, is the German regulator for electricity, gas, telecommunications, post and railway. It promotes effective competition in the regulated areas and ensures non-discriminatory access to networks. It protects important consumer rights and is also the root certification authority under the Electronic Signatures Act. In addition, the Bundesnetzagentur is responsible for implementing the Grid Expansion Acceleration Act.

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