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Work Experience

01/2014 –

**Managing Director of VDMA Baden-Württemberg
(German Engineering Federation / Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und
Anlagenbau ; about 800 member companies):**

- Corporate management, human resources management, financing, economic policy, economic and statistics
- Member of the steering committee of alliance industrial Internet of things in the federal state of Baden-Württemberg („Industrie 4.0 Baden-Württemberg“)
- Member of the steering committee of engineering Sciences @BW 2025 in the federal state of Baden-Württemberg (2013 – 2015)

2011 – 2014

**Consultant / senior advisor at Horváth & Partners Management
Consultants:**

Strategic advice and performance optimization in the fields of

- Utilities,
- Public Management,
- Health Care Management and
- Food Industries

2006 – 2011

**State Secretary at the Baden-Wuerttemberg Ministry of Science, Research
and the Arts with main focus on:**

- Vice chairman of the supervisory board of Baden-Württemberg International (BWI) GmbH (Main state association for international economic cooperation) (2007 – 2011)
- Vice Chairman of the initial supervisory board of the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University (Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg) (2009 – 2011)

- Member of the supervisory board accompanying the foundation of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) (2009 – 2011)
- Member of the steering committee for innovation and research in Baden-Württemberg on a proposal from the state government of Baden-Württemberg (2007 – 2011)
- Vice chairman of the supervisory board of the Filmakademie Ludwigsburg GmbH (2006 – 2011)

2005 – 2006 **Managing Director of CDU (Christian Democratic Union) Baden-Württemberg:**
 Management and organization of the campaigns for the general elections 2005 (Bundestagswahlen) and the state elections 2006 (Landtagswahlen) for Günther Oettinger, former Minister President of the state of Baden-Württemberg.

2001 – 2005 **Executive manager at EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG**
 Offices “economic and political affairs“ in Berlin and Brussels, main focus on European and German matters with respect to the power industry.

1997 – 2000 **Senior product manager in the field of telecommunications**
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1996 – 2013 **Member of the State Parliament / Landtag of Baden-Württemberg**

- Spokesman for science and research of the CDU parliamentary group (from 2011-2013)
- Spokesman for economics and technology of the CDU parliamentary group (from 2001-2006)

1995 – 1997 **Marketing manager strategic marketing / business segment telecommunications,**
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1992 – 1994 **Academic fellow**
 Manager of the office of a member of the German parliament (Bundestag).

Academic & research experience

1999 Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.), department of economics at the University of Tübingen, Chair of industry and production management (Prof. Dr. Marcell Schweitzer)

1987 – 1993 Business economist (Diplom-Kaufmann), at the University of Tübingen

1986 A-level exam

Boards and committees

2015 – Member of the council of the University of Applied Sciences Esslingen

1994 – 2006 Member of the regional association of Region Stuttgart (Stuttgart region economic development Corporation), Chairman of the committee for industry

Stuttgart, January 2016

