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Change in the FVV Management

- **Long-standing Managing Director Dietmar Goericke retires**
- **Martin Nitsche is the new Managing Director of the research association**
- **Matthias Zelinger is Deputy Managing Director**

After a 32-year career at the Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers Association VDMA - including 24 years as Managing Director of the industrial research association FVV and the Mechanical Engineering Research Federation FKM - Dietmar Goericke will retire on 30 June 2024. In the course of his more than three decades of work at VDMA, FKM and FVV, he has rendered outstanding services to a large number of industrial research topics in mechanical engineering and provided valuable impact in the field of Industrial Collective Research.

His last years in office were particularly characterised by the challenges of the green transformation. By proactively aligning its research work with the new technological, political and social requirements, the FVV is excellently positioned for the future: Thanks to the targeted diversification of projects, the research association now covers the entire range of future climate-friendly and resource-saving energy sources and converters. This includes battery electric systems as well as hydrogen-powered fuel cells or thermal converters and other alternative energy sources such as synthetic fuels.

On 1 July 2024, Martin Nitsche will take up the position of Managing Director of the FVV and Deputy Managing Director of the Mechanical Engineering Research Federation FKM, in which the VDMA Group bundles its activities in the field of research and innovation. Mr Nitsche studied mechanical engineering at the University of Applied Sciences in Wiesbaden. After working as a development engineer and project manager in the automotive supply industry, he joined the VDMA Engines and Systems Association in 2008 as a consultant for technical regulations and political lobbying. In 2015, Mr Nitsche moved to the FVV and was responsible as project manager for pre-competitive Industrial Collective Research projects on sustainable energy conversion systems and mechanical engineering topics. In 2016, he was appointed Deputy Managing Director of the FVV.

Matthias Zelinger heads the Climate & Energy Competence Centre of the VDMA. He has been Deputy Managing Director of the FVV since 2016. In this role, he continues to contribute important energy policy aspects to future research work.

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Documents

You can find the press release including media kit [here](#).

You can find an interview with Dietmar Goericke [here](#).

You can find Martin Nitsche's CV [here](#).

You can find Matthias Zelinger's CV [here](#).

Images



1 | **Dietmar Goericke in the middle of the FVV management team (from left to right):**

Matthias Zelinger (Deputy Managing Director)

Dr Markus Schwaderlapp (Chairman of the Board)

Christopher Steinwachs (Deputy Chairman of the Board)

Dietmar Goericke (Managing Director until 30/06/2024)

Martin Nitsche (Managing Director from 01/07/2024)

Dr Andreas Kufferath (Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee)



2 | **Martin Nitsche, FVV Managing Director
FVV e.V.**



3 | Matthias Zelinger, Deputy FVV Managing Director
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3 | Matthias Zelinger and Martin Nitsche
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About the FVV

The FVV organises **facts- / field-based collective research on sustainable powertrain and energy systems of the future** for an international network of science and automotive, mobility and energy industries. As a service provider for innovative businesses, especially SMEs, we organise solutions-oriented research projects and communicate their key results and innovation potential.

In the innovation + transfer network of the FVV, globally operating manufacturers of energy carriers, energy systems, sustainable powertrains and prime movers such as vehicle / aircraft / industrial engines, fuel cells and turbo machines, together with their suppliers and development service providers, conduct in close cooperation with universities and other research institutions pre-competitive, industrial collective research on future technologies. **The aim is to operate energy converters – engines, hybrid powertrains, turbines, compressors, turbochargers and fuel cells – with renewable energy sources in new, (partly) electrified, integrated and digitalised conversion systems in a more efficient, cleaner and sustainable way – to the benefit of society, climate, environment and industry.**

Sustainable energy conversion systems facilitate individual mobility, transportation, energy supply and industrial added value. The innovative power of the industry and its economic success make a significant contribution to social prosperity. As a non-profit organisation, the FVV supports the evolution of its members - small, medium and large companies – and the promotion of young scientists. The research association has invested more than 500 million euros in 1,200 research projects since it was founded in 1956.

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