

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Walter Döllinger (Germany)



Dr. Walter Döllinger joined the German Aerospace Center DLR in 2004 as Program Director Space. Within the Space Agency Function of DLR, he is responsible for planning and management of Germany's participation in European level programs. In this capacity, he is also a delegate to the Council of the European Space Agency ESA. As head of German Delegations to ESA Council Working Groups in preparation of various Ministerial Conferences, Walter Döllinger has contributed to the development of European Space endeavours since the Ministerial Conference in Toulouse in 1995. As a former civil servant with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Walter Döllinger is deeply committed to translating national policy and national space budgets into efficient European level initiatives.

His previous occupations include heading the office for Research Ministers Riesenhuber and Wissmann and heading various divisions within the ministry, ranging from Aerospace and Transportation over Health and Biological Research to Innovative Technologies.

Walter Döllinger has been member and chairman of various supervisory boards of national research institutions, such as the Max-Planck-Institute for Aeronomy and the Max-Planck-Institute for Breeding, the German Institute for Human Nutrition, the German Institute for Biological Research and the German Cancer Research Center.

On international level he headed German delegations to the Group of Aeronautical Research in Europe (GARTEUR) and on negotiating Treaties on Research Cooperation between Germany and Norway and between Germany and Israel.

Walter Döllinger grew up in Seubersdorf/Bavaria. His academic achievements include a "Diplom" and Doctorate (Dr. rer. pol.) in Economics from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, where he also served as a research fellow with Prof. Dr. Peter Mertens.

Walter Döllinger is married to Evamaria Döllinger since 2002.