

Press release

Leadership Handover at Expert Organization after 20 Years

Uta Leitner takes over DEKRA Communications

Initially, Uta Leitner will take over as Head of Corporate Communications at DEKRA from July 1, 2022 and thereby the group-wide responsibility for External and Internal Communications, as well as the Newsroom Team. Simultaneously, the 49-year-old will become Deputy Head of the “Communications and Brand Management” division. From October 1, 2022 she will take on leadership responsibility for the whole division as Executive Vice President (EVP). Uta Leitner, previously Head of Global Communications at Daimler Truck, will take over the role from Stephan Heigl (60). After 20 years as the head communicator at the globally active expert organization, he will move on, as planned, to a new phase of his life.

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In her new role from October 1, 2022 Uta Leitner will conduct all national and international communications, both internal and external, the brand management as well as the political communications of the DEKRA corporate group. She will report directly to Stan Zurkiewicz, the CEO and Chairman of DEKRA’s Management Board.

Uta Leitner comes to us after 24 years of successful communications work at commercial vehicle manufacturer Daimler Truck. She brings wide-ranging experience of all communications sectors as well as an excellent international network.

“We are very pleased that Uta Leitner has agreed to take on the role of Communications Chief for DEKRA. She has done outstanding work and played a major role in improving the global reputation of the Daimler Truck group and the awareness of its brands,” says Stan Zurkiewicz, DEKRA CEO. “I am sure she will make a vital contribution, particularly in the international arena, to the DEKRA brand’s positioning, which, essentially stands for technical, and digital safety as well as sustainability.

Stephan Heigl is looking forward to the next phase of his life: He would like to dedicate more time to his sporting, culinary and artistic hobbies in addition to his voluntary projects. Zurkiewicz: “I would like to express my sincere thanks to

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Stephan Heigl in the name of the whole board and in the name of my predecessor Stefan Kölbl for his excellent work and tireless dedication to DEKRA. He has established the reputation and the awareness of the DEKRA brand as well as the communicative positioning of our company as an expert organization at the top of our industry. We wish him all the very best for his future as well as good health and continued success.”

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for almost 100 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2021, DEKRA generated sales totaling more than EUR 3.5 billion. The company currently employs almost 48,000 people in approximately 60 countries on all continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe, secure and sustainable world. With a platinum rating from EcoVadis, DEKRA is now in the top one percent of sustainable businesses ranked.