

New Director at the EVZ Foundation

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Berlin (ots) – Jakob Meyer will become the new Director of the EVZ Foundation and, together with the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Andrea Despot, he will form the new management duo of the foundation under public law in the future. The international Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation elected the historian and science manager Mr. Meyer in their meeting yesterday. He will be in office on July 1, 2022. In May 2022, Dr. Petra Follmar-Otto, the previous Director, took over as head of the Equal Opportunities Department at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ).

Annette Schavan, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation "In the past two years, the EVZ Foundation has repositioned itself strategically and programmatically with a new Agenda for the Future. With the new Board of Directors Team, this successful process can continue with a focus on impact-oriented foundation action. The EVZ Foundation is therefore ideally equipped for its supporting role in the commemorative landscape - against the backdrop of current challenges this is more necessary than ever."

Jakob Meyer will contribute many years of experience in the administrative management of scientific organizations, including the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS, 2017-2022) and the Leibniz Association (2011-2017).

Dr. Andrea Despot has been Chief Executive Officer of the EVZ Foundation since June 1, 2020. As a political scientist with a doctorate in Eastern European history, she is an expert on the society and history of the region, on historical-political education, and on culture(s) of remembrance in Europe as well as their contribution to European integration.

About the EVZ Foundation

The mission of the EVZ Foundation is to keep alive the memory of the injustices of National Socialist persecution, to accept the implied responsibility in the here and now, and to actively shape the future. The central motive for the establishment of the Foundation in 2000 was payment of humanitarian compensation benefits to former forced laborers under the National Socialist regime - a milestone in the German process of coming to terms with the past. Through its fields of activity "Education" and "Action", the Foundation now supports projects and activities that assist survivors of National Socialist persecution, promote international understanding and strengthen human rights.

Further information

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