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INVITED SPEAKER  
WEBINAR SERIES



Since January 2020, Dr. Georg Schütte has served as Secretary General of the Volkswagen Foundation. Previously, he was State Secretary in the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research for a decade.

Holding a doctorate in media and communication research from the Technical University of Dortmund and a Master's from the City University of New York, Dr. Schütte conducted research at Harvard University and the University of Siegen. With over 30 years of experience in research and foundation management, he also served as Secretary General of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and recently contributed to the EU Commission's High-Level Expert Group on Horizon Europe.

## Topic

**"In troubled waters: The Future of European Science and Innovation Policy"**

In a recent report on the current status of European research and innovation policy, an expert group concluded: While other countries and regions are significantly ramping up their research and innovation capabilities, Europe is currently falling behind in terms of both investments in and impact from research and innovation. Precisely at a time when it matters more than ever – for economic development, for combating and mitigating climate change, for defending Europe's freedom and security – the EU faces the challenge to align and ramp up its science and innovation policy.

The webinar will address these current challenges and provide recommendations how to accelerate research, technology, and innovation to boost European competitiveness.

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