

# Gerd Meier zu Köcker

Dr. Gerd Meier zu Koecker made his PhD in Material Science in 1995 and took over the Department for International Technology Transfer within the Federal Institute for Material Research and Testing (BAM). In that period of time was intensively involved in various measures dedicated to innovation, competitiveness and international technology transfer. Since 1999 he is working for VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH remaining active in the same field. As the Director of the Agency Competence Networks Germany, he is responsible for the successful management of the Initiative on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWt), which supports outstanding regional networks and clusters in Germany. Since 2007 he also acts as Director of the Institute for Innovation and Technology in Berlin (IIT Berlin), which is recognized for its scientific studies and analyses in whole context of innovation and clusters. Within the last year, his work focused on evaluation and benchmarking of clusters as well of barriers and enablers of international cluster co-operation. Until 2008 he was actively involved in the High Level Advisory Group on Clusters

