

27.4.2021**Peter-André Alt re-elected as HRK President**

Prof Dr Peter-André Alt has been confirmed as President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) with a large majority. The HRK General Assembly elected the Germanist and former President of the Free University of Berlin for another three-year term during an online meeting. The selection committee nominated Professor Alt as the only candidate.

The HRK President outlined some key challenges and goals for his second term in office. Among other things, he emphasised the need to advance the digitalisation of universities on a sustained basis. He also sees refurbishment, sustainable campus design and university construction as priorities. With regard to research funding, Alt considers the further development of the Excellence Strategy and the establishment of a platform for the promotion of applied research to be important tasks for his upcoming term of office. Fundamental, needs-based reform of the German Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG) as well as modernisation of the framework conditions for teaching, including making the capacity law more flexible, are further key points of his work programme.

The term of office of the HRK President starts on 1 August each year. A president may be re-elected once.