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**Jens-Peter Gaul becomes Secretary-General of the HRK**

Jens-Peter Gaul today took office as the Secretary-General of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK). In this position, he will oversee the central administration function of the HRK with its staff of 92 employees at locations in Bonn, Berlin and Brussels.

Jens-Peter Gaul has a doctorate in law. His most recent position was Head of the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi) in Brussels and Bonn. Previously, he worked in various positions at the German Research Foundation (DFG).

The HRK currently has 268 member universities. It is "The Voice of the Universities" to policy-makers and to the public and represents a forum in which shared opinions are formed by the universities. The HRK concerns itself with everything that affects the work of the universities: research, teaching and learning, continuing professional education for academics, knowledge and technology transfer, internationalisation, international cooperation and self-administration.