



## **Rolf HENKE**

*Director general DGLR, AAE*

Rolf Henke graduated in 1980 in Aerospace Technology from the Technical University in Berlin (Technische Universität Berlin). After working as a research fellow at Cranfield University and TU Berlin Aerospace Institute from 1980 to 1985, he joined MBB (Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm, now Airbus Operations), where he was ultimately responsible for Airbus High Lift Technology.

In 2006 he became Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Technical University of Rhineland Westphalia (Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule, RWTH) and Head of the Institute of Aerospace Technology (Institut für Luft- und Raumfahrt, ILR) in Aachen. He still is appointed professor and lectures in aviation at the RWTH.

Between Nov 2010 and Oct 2020 he was a member of the Executive Board of the German Aerospace Center DLR, responsible for the aeronautics program. Seven new aviation institutes were founded during his term of office, including the National UAS Test Center and a High Performance Computing HPC Center. Amongst other international activities, a new set up of the DLR research aircraft fleet was organized, leading to common flight tests with NASA. And finally, the Virtual Product House was founded together with Airbus in Bremen.

Rolf Henke has been working as an aviation consultant since Nov 2020. He is currently Representative Aviation of the DLR Executive Board and represents DLR e.g. in the German Aerospace Industries Association BDLI, the Association of European Research Establishments in Aeronautics EREA, and the International Forum of Aviation Research IFAR. In Feb 2021 he was officially nominated Coordinator for Aeronautics by the Federal State of Bremen.

He has been President of the German Aerospace Society DGLR since 2013 and also member ("correspondent") of the French Aerospace Academy AAE since 2020. Rolf Henke has been an active member of European Aviation Research Initiatives since 2010. He was involved in the drafting of "Flightpath 2050", the European vision for aviation, and is currently playing an active role in ACARE, the Advisory Council for Aviation Research and Innovation in Europe, having acted as Chair and Co-Chair since 2015.