

**Dr Klaus Heider**

In 2001, following his degree in geodesy at Bonn University, his Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning at Ohio State University (USA) and his traineeship in the area of planning and construction in the city administration of Düsseldorf, Klaus Heider started working for the then called Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry. After having worked in the areas of rural development and geo information and at the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels, he took on a number of roles and tasks at the Political Staff Unit of the Ministry. Between 2009 and 2014, Klaus Heider was Head of the Minister's Office and Head of the Political Staff Unit of the Ministry. Since spring 2014 he has been Director General of the Directorate "Food and Nutrition Policy, Product Safety and Innovation". Focus areas are, among others, dietary prevention and nutritional research, consumer health protection, promoting innovation and research management.