

Stephan Kohler

Chief Executive



Stephan Kohler started his career in the department for nuclear technology and radiation protection at TÜV Bayern, Munich, moving on to MAN Neue Technologien, also in Munich, and Hochtemperatur Reaktorbau GmbH (HRB) in Mannheim. In 1981 he joined the Öko-Institut Freiburg (Institute for Applied Ecology), where he contributed to the German Risk Study on Nuclear Power Plants – Phase B, and then went on in 1983 to head the energy division. From 1988 he was also in charge of setting up the environmental information office Ökoinform in Moscow.

In 1991 Stephan Kohler was appointed Executive Director of the Lower Saxony Energy Agency in Hanover, which had just been established by the state of Lower Saxony and VEBA AG. From 1982 to 1984 he was on the management board of the Association of Citizens' Initiatives on Environmental Protection BBU, from 1991 to 1993 a member of the Executive Board of the Öko-Institut Freiburg and from 1995 to 1997 a member of the Advisory Council for BUND (Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland e.V.), the German branch of Friends of the Earth. From February 2000 to March 2001 he was Chairman of the Association of German Energy Agencies (EAD e.V.). He has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the World Council for Renewable Energy since June 2001.

Stefan Kohler was appointed Managing Director of the dena, founded by the German government and the KfW Bankengruppe (KfW Banking Group, then the Reconstruction Loan Corporation), back in September 2000. He has been Chief Executive of dena since 1 May 2006.

In addition to publications on political and economic aspects of energy utilization and the formulation of scenarios for the energy revolution, Stephan Kohler is the author of the books "Die Energiewende ist möglich" (The Energy Revolution is Feasible) and "Sonnenenergie-Wirtschaft" (The Solar Energy Industry), and co-author of "Neue Wege zum Klimaschutz" (New Ways of Mitigating Climate Change).