

## **DVTM: Renatus Zilles resigns as CEO**

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**Bonn, 16.10.2023 - Renatus Zilles, CEO of the German Association for Telecommunications and Media (DVTM), gives up his position. The 68-year-old successful manager and association representative in the telecommunications, IT, media and "bettertainment industry" \* made this decision based on his life planning. The resignation will become official with the general meeting on 27 October 2023. As honorary chairman, member of the board and advisor, he remains with the association.**

Due to his many years of experience and his commitment to the interests of the IT, telecommunications, media and "Bettertainment industry," Renatus Zilles has been elected Chairman of the Board of the DVTM for the last 25 years. In his successful tenure, Renatus Zilles has had a significant influence on the fact that the association today acts as a central interface and indispensable expert of the companies involved in the value chain telecommunications, media, energy and "bettertainment."

Renatus Zilles resigns from his position as CEO because his personal life planning has changed significantly since the last re-election. During his term of office, Mr. Zilles made significant progress for the now recognized expertise of the DVTM. His leadership qualities and his deep understanding of, both national and international technology and media companies, Internet and service providers, publishing houses and media houses as well as consulting companies and, most recently, the "bettertainment industry" were groundbreaking for the successful positioning of the association. He has laid the foundation for this with the unique "convergence strategy" in the association landscape.

The remaining board members of the DVTM are very pleased that Renatus Zilles will continue to be available to the association as honorary chairman, board member and consultant at their request, so that his extensive knowledge and many years of experience will continue to be useful.

The DVTM Board thanked Mr Zilles for his tireless efforts to further develop the association. "Its inspiring drive, stubbornness and creativity in particular have ensured real and sustainable progress in the association's history."

As a successful manager and association representative in the telecommunications, IT, media and "bettertainment industry" \*, Renatus Zilles has gained great reputation over the past decades, both among DVTM members and in the entire industry, as well as among politicians and national and European authorities. The DVTM thanks Renatus Zilles for his outstanding performance and commitment and looks forward to continuing to leverage his expertise and vision in his future role.

This change comes at a time when the DVTM and the entire industry have faced some major challenges of our time, such as national licensing in the field of "gambling." Under the leadership of Renatus Zilles, the DVTM was able to successfully meet these challenges while doing excellent work for the industry.

**\* "Bettertainment" includes:**

Sports betting, poker, "virtual slot games," the mediation of "online lotteries," as well as e-sports. At the same time, it also stands for a "convergence strategy" along the entire value chain in conjunction with overall economic benefits

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Who is the DVTM?

The DVTM is an indispensable player in telecommunications, media, & "bettertainment." Our network includes both national and European service and internet providers, media and publishing houses, "bettertainment companies," as well as consulting and collection companies. Our goal is to promote innovation and represent the interests of our members to regulators, policymakers and the public. We are committed to a fair and transparent industry that supports all stakeholders equally.