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Working as a physicist at the German Research Foundation

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In my talk I would like to give you insights into my job at the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), the central self-governing research funding organisation in Germany. With those insights in my day-to-day job I will also give you a short overview of the tasks of DFG and the funding portfolio as well as how the assessment and decision process works. After graduation (Diploma) at the University of Cologne University in 1994, I worked as scientific assistant at the Department for Geophysics with atmospheric science in the focus of my interests, earning my PhD in 1998 within the European project TOASTEC (Transport of Ozone and Stratosphere Troposphere Exchange). Crossing the border between atmospheric physics and chemistry, I spent several years as postdoc at CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Service d'Aéronomie) in Paris. Leaving active research, I assumed in 2002 the position of a Programme Officer at DFG Head Office in Bonn, taking over the responsibility as Programme Director for Condensed Matter Physics and Atmospheric Science in 2005. From 2008 I was heading the Division of Chemistry and Process Engineering, in 2019 I took over the responsibility as Head of Division for Physics and Chemistry, since 2015 I am also Deputy Head of the Department Scientific Affairs.

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