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Felicitas von Peter is Managing Partner of Active Philanthropy, a platform for families and individuals interested or already engaged in philanthropy. Active Philanthropy aims to be a "one-stop-shop" for all questions related to becoming involved in philanthropy, ranging from background readings, workshops and field trips that introduce a topic and connect donors with each other to administrative support and individual coaching on all issues related to developing a personal giving strategy. From 1998 until summer 2006, Felicitas worked at the Bertelsmann Foundation (Germany), one of the largest operating foundations in Europe. Between 1998 and 2002 she ran the Foundation's international projects in Media and Education, and coordinated the set-up of the Foundation office in New York. In 2002, Felicitas joined the Philanthropy and Foundations Division of Bertelsmann where she was responsible for conceptualizing and running the Foundation's national and international donor education programmes. She also co-chaired the international donor education programme "The Philanthropy Workshop" (in co-operation with the Rockefeller Foundation).

Felicitas holds a Ph.D. in History from Cambridge University and in 2002 was a Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Philanthropy at City University New York.

**Dr. Burkhard Gnärig**, Executive Director, Berlin Civil Society Center

Dr. Burkhard Gnärig has been Executive Director of the Berlin Civil Society Center since April 2007. Burkhard has over 20 years' experience of international cooperation and management of civil society organisations. From 1998 to 2007 he was CEO of International Save the Children Alliance located in London. Before joining Save the Children, Burkhard has been CEO of Greenpeace Germany and terre des hommes Germany. As a field director in Papua Neuguinea, Burkhard worked for the German Development Service (DED).

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