

**Government Commission on the
German Corporate Governance Code**

Administrative Office

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10th Corporate Governance Conference in Berlin:

“10 years of the Code Commission: voluntary commitment to good corporate governance in Germany – achievements and expectations”

The tenth German Corporate Governance Code Conference will take place in Berlin on 29 and 30 June 2011. Under the theme, “10 years of the Code Commission: voluntary commitment to good corporate governance in Germany – achievements and expectations”, the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code has invited international and German experts on national and global developments in good corporate governance for discussions with around 150 guests from Germany and abroad.

On 29 June 2011, the eve of the conference, Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Federal Justice Minister, will give the traditional opening speech to those chairing the management and supervisory boards of listed German companies and to representatives from the worlds of politics and science.

The conference will open on 30 June 2011 with a speech of Klaus-Peter Müller, Chairman of the Government Commission, on this year’s theme. Hans-Peter Keitel, President of BDI, the Federation of German Industries, will then give a

keynote address on "Experiences and requirements of the German Corporate Governance Code". A second keynote speech will be held by Claire Bury, Head of Unit for Company Law, Corporate Governance and Financial Crime at the European Commission about the latter's stance on the European agenda for good corporate governance. The conference's second focus is the work of supervisory boards. How have the work and profile of supervisory boards changed in recent years? Are supervisory boards becoming more and more operationally active? How have regulation and new laws affected their activities? How will their terms of reference evolve? These and other questions will be discussed by Dr. Karen de Segundo, member of the supervisory boards of E.on, Lonmin plc, Ensus Holdings Limited, Pöyry Oyj and Royal Ahold NV, Dr. Manfred Bischoff, chairman of the Supervisory Board of Daimler AG and member of the supervisory boards of Fraport AG, Royal KPN N.V. and Unicredit S.p.a., and Walter Kiehlholz, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Swiss Re and member of the Supervisory Board of Credit Suisse.

Information for editors

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The Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code, set up by the Federal Minister of Justice in September 2001, approved the German Corporate Governance Code on 26 February 2002, which has acquired a statutory basis via the Declaration of Compliance pursuant to Article 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG).

The aim of the German Corporate Governance Code is to make Germany's corporate governance rules transparent for both national and international investors, thus strengthening confidence in the management of German corporations.

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