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Biographic Notes:

Dietrich Knoerzer graduated in 1980 in Mechanical Engineering at RWTH Aachen University, specialisation in aeronautics.

In 1985 he got his PhD degree in modelling of materials creep mechanics from the RWTH Aachen University.

From 1985 he worked at the Airbus partner MBB in Hamburg/ Germany (today Airbus Operations) on advanced technologies.

In 1989, he joined the European Commission in the Directorate General for Research in Brussels.

Within the EU Research Framework Programmes he worked as a senior scientific officer for research in aeronautics and in transport.

He was responsible for research activities in aircraft design and flight physics as well as for the co-operation with China in aeronautics research.

For many years he was the contact and project officer for scientific networks and research support actions related to aerospace.

He was the coordinating officer of the European Commission for the seven conferences 'European Aeronautics Days' ('Aerodays').

Since his retirement from the European Commission in December 2016 he works in Brussels as an independent aeronautics expert.

He is active as lecturer at research institutes and acts as an evaluator for national and public institutions.

He is member of the German Aerospace Society DGLR, an old fellow of the FVA, the academic scientific flying club at RWTH and an active glider pilot for more than forty years.

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