

## EVZ Board of Trustees elects Board of Directors: Dr. Andrea Despot and Dr. Petra Follmar-Otto are the new management duo from June 1, 2020

**Berlin, March 6, 2020** – At an extraordinary meeting of the international Board of Trustees of the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" (EVZ) on March 4, 2020, the new Board of Directors was elected: Dr. Andrea Despot (Chief Executive Officer) and Dr. Petra Follmar-Otto. They follow Dr. Andreas Eberhardt and Dr. Moritz Kilger, who did not stand for re-election at the end of 2019. The new Board of Directors was elected for a term of four years and consists of two members. It manages the day-to-day business of the EVZ Foundation and implements the decisions of the Board of Trustees. Furthermore, the Board of Directors oversees the purposeful and prudent expenditure of Foundation funds and represents the Foundation in both judicial and extrajudicial matters.

The new Chairperson, Dr. Andrea Despot, was previously the Director and Executive Board Member of the European Academy Berlin. She studied political science and Eastern European history at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich and at Harvard University, and obtained her doctorate at the FU Berlin.

Dr. Petra Follmar-Otto studied law at Universität Hamburg and Saarland University and obtained her doctorate in law in 2006. From 2008 to 2020, she was Head of the Department of Human Rights Policy Domestic/Europe at the German Institute for Human Rights in Berlin.

About the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" (EVZ):

The EVZ Foundation was established in 2000 in order to compensate forced laborers during the period of National Socialism. Since the completion of payments, the EVZ Foundation has been providing humanitarian aid for survivors, promoting a critical examination of the past, and strengthening civic involvement in Eastern and Central Europe.