

A Short CV: Georg Licht

Georg Licht is Head of the Department of Industrial Economics and International Management at the Centre for European Economic Research (Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung, ZEW), in Mannheim, Germany. He has held this position since June 1994, before that he was a senior researcher at ZEW and at the University of Augsburg (till 1985). Since 2001 has the power of attorney on behalf of the ZEW. He was visiting researcher at the Department of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He gained his doctoral degree at the University of Augsburg and holds a degree in economics from the university of Heidelberg. Research interests comprise the economics of innovation and technical change; labour economics; and High-Tech Start-ups.

For years he was engaged in the development of the European Innovation Survey (CIS) and innovation surveys in Germany in manufacturing and service industries. He is responsible for the German Innovation Survey which was part of CIS I-IV. Various reports to the German government and publications in academic journals resulted from this work. He acted as consultant to OECD's NESTI and TIP group. He was member of the OECD working group for the revisions of the OSLO manual.

He is consultant to the OECD, EU-Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research in the area of innovation and technology policy. In this context he recently co-ordinated a large scale project on the technological competitiveness of Germany and prepared related summary reports to the German research ministry. Currently, he is member of Commissioner Janez Potočnik advisory group "Knowledge for growth".

He has published various articles and books on fields like high-tech start-ups, regional growth, innovation and patents. He is responsible for a research unit currently consists of 24 senior and junior researchers. His research group focuses on empirical research is on microeconomic issues. A number of micro-databases, one on firm-demography, one on firms' innovation and one on German regions are maintained at the department.