

Short CV in English:

Dr. Velling, born in 1964, studied economics at the universities of Mannheim, Germany, and Eugene/Oregon, USA. During his dissertation between 1991 and 1995 he worked as a research fellow at the ZEW (Center of European Economic Research). In 1996 he changed to the German federal government. He had different positions at the Federal Ministry of Economics (BMW) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF). In 2003 he elaborated the "High-Tech Masterplan" of the German government, an action programme to foster R&D based start-ups and early-stage financing of young innovative companies. Since the beginning of 2004 he has been responsible for the different federal programmes for venture capital financing of young technological companies. In this function, he has been head of the governmental project team on the new "High-Tech Gründerfonds", a new seed fund of the German government, the KfW and three industrial companies being launched at the end of August 2005. Since July 2006 he is Head of the Division "Technology Start-Ups, Seed financing, competence clusters".