

Dr. Lars Gerdes

- Since 2022: Frontex Deputy Executive Director for Return and Operations
- 30 years of experience in police, political and military fields
- Proven skills in leading large police operations and organizational units
- Extensive experience in border police practice and policy
- More than three years alternate German member of the Frontex Management Board
- PhD in International Policing and Transnational Organized Crime; and Master degrees or equivalent in Security Studies and Police Management
- Numerous publications on European, security and crime issues



EMPLOYMENT

European Border and Coast Guard Agency Frontex

- Since 2022: Deputy Executive Director for Return and Operations
- 2014-2018: German Alternate Member of the Management Board

German Federal Police (2002-2014, 2018-2022)

- Head of Department 41 (Policy, EU, Police and Customs Cooperation Centers, National Frontex Point of Contact); Deputy Head of Division 4 (International Affairs and European Cooperation)
German Federal Police Headquarters
- Head of Mission, German Police Project Team Afghanistan; Advisor to the Afghan Minister of the Interior in police matters
- Head of the Federal Police Regional Office for Crime Control, Frankfurt a.M.
- Head of the Federal Police District Office, Frankfurt a.M. International Airport
- Acting Battalion Commander, Riot Police Battalion, Bad Döben
- Chief of Staff and Deputy Battalion Commander, Riot Police Battalion, Bad Döben
- 3 International Police Missions, senior level, German Police Project Team Afghanistan

German Federal Ministry of the Interior (2014-2018, 2020)

- Deputy Head of Department B4 (International Border Police Affairs); Head of the Asia/Africa-Team
- Head of the EU/FRONTEX-Team, Department B4, International Border Police Affairs

Early Career (1993-2002)

- United Nations Headquarters, New York, Department of Political Affairs
- German Federal Parliament, Academic Assistant of MP
- Institute of European Politics, Academic Assistant
- German Federal Army, Paratrooper Platoon Leader

EDUCATION

- Doctor Rerum Politicarum in Security Studies (PhD), dissertation on International Police Missions and Transnational Organized Crime and, University of Cologne
- Master equivalent in Police Science and Management, German Police Leaders Academy, Münster
- Master of Arts in International Studies and Security, University of Birmingham, England
- BA equivalent in Political Science, History, Law, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn
- Alumni of Konrad-Adenauer Foundation of Gifted Students

PUBLICATIONS

- Europa an der Schwelle zum 21. Jahrhundert, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung, Bonn, 2000 (Mitarbeit)
Translation: Europe at the Doorstep to the 21st Century.
- Organisierte Kriminalität und regionale Konflikte, Eul-Verlag, Lohmar, 2007, Translation: Organized Crime and Regional Conflicts.
- Die Bedrohung durch Transnationale Organisierte Kriminalität, Die Komplexität des Krieges, T. Jäger, Köln, 2010
Translation: The Threat of Organized Crime, in: The Complexity of War.
- Die Sicherheitsumgebung des 21. Jahrhunderts – IPM als Teil einer Vorverlagerungsstrategie, KRIMINALISTIK 7/2013
Translation: The Security Environment of the 21st Century – International Police Missions as part of a Redeployment Strategy.
- Neue Europäische Grenz- und Küstenwache, Zeitschrift für Rechtspolitik 8/2016 (Co-Autorenschaft mit Staatssekretär Dr. Ole Schröder), Translation: The new European Border and Coastguard.
- Der Beginn des Zeitalters des Europäischen Grenzschutzes – Standing Corps für die Europäische Grenz- und Küstenwache, Deutsches Polizeiblatt 01/2022.
Translation: The start of the Era of European Border Guarding – Standing Corps for the EBCG Frontex

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