

# Biography

## Prof. Dr.-Ing. Axel Stepken

Chairman of the Board of Management, TÜV SÜD AG



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Axel Stepken completed his secondary education in 1977 in Essen. He then served two years of military service before enrolling in the RWTH Aachen University, majoring in Electrical Engineering. He completed his degree in 1984 and went on to become a Research Assistant at the Institute of Electrical Engineering and High Voltage Technology at RWTH Aachen University between 1984 and 1990. He achieved his PhD in Engineering in 1989.

Post graduation, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Axel Stepken held various management positions at ABB, a leading power and automation company, between 1991 and 2002 in Germany and Indonesia. In 2002, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stepken joined TÜV SÜD AG as Member of the Board of Management where he was responsible for the INDUSTRY and PEOPLE Strategic Business Segments and the ASIA-PACIFIC Strategic Region.

In July 2007, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Axel Stepken was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Management of TÜV SÜD AG. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stepken became a Member of the Executive Board of the Association of German Engineers (VDI) in 2015; he was appointed honorary professor at TUM (Technische Universität München) in the same year.