

Background Information

Prof. Dr. Alexander MartinFounding Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Professor of Analytics and Optimization

"I have always followed the establishment of UTN with interest. After all, the founding of a new university strengthens the scientific area of the entire metropolitan region. For that reason, I am very happy to contribute my knowledge and experience to this unique project."



On April 1, 2023, Prof. Dr. Alexander Martin completed the Founding Presidium as Founding Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Alexander Martin studied business mathematics at the University of Augsburg and earned his doctorate and habilitation in mathematics at the Technical University of Berlin. After that, he was assistant head of the Optimization Department at the Konrad Zuse Institute in Berlin (ZIB). In 2000, he was appointed Professor at the Technical University Darmstadt where he was Vice President from 2008 – 2010. Most recently, he became Head of the Chair of Analytics & Mixed-Integer Optimization at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg. As of 2019, he is one of three Institute Directors of the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS in Erlangen, where he represents, among other things, the topics of data analytics and artificial intelligence as part of the ADA Lovelace Center.

He has participated in different initiatives of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and is involved in several collaborative projects of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection. He is also co-editor of several international journals. In addition, Prof. Martin is a member of the Senate and Grants Committee for Research of the DFG for graduate programs and Chairman of the Board of the Society for Operations Research.

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