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Joachim Wuermeling was a member of the Executive Board of the German Bundesbank until the end of 2023 and looks back on a diverse career in finance, politics and administration.

He is Professor of Digital Finance at the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) in Berlin, the highest-ranked private business school in Germany. His focus there is on the digitalisation of finance. He focuses in particular on the potential of the digital euro for finance and for businesses. Prof. Dr Wuermeling also works as a lawyer and consultant.

From 2016 to 2023, he was a member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank, where his roles included Chief Banking Supervisor and Chief Financial and IT Officer. This combination has given him a keen interest in and in-depth understanding of digital innovation in finance. Prior to this, Wuermeling gained experience in the banking sector as Chairman of the Board of the Association of Sparda Banks and in the insurance industry as a member of the Executive Board of the German Insurance Association. This was preceded by a career in politics and administration: From 2005 to 2008, Wuermeling was State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and from 1999 to 2005 a member of the European Parliament. Various positions previously led him to public office in Munich, Brussels and Bonn. Wuermeling is a lawyer and studied in Bayreuth, Dijon and Florence, where he obtained a master's degree and a doctorate.

As a speaker, Joachim Wuermeling impresses with his rare combination of rhetorical power from his time in politics and a high level of expertise from his banking roles. He attaches great importance to tailoring his presentations to the interests of his respective audience. In his analysis, he gets to the heart of the matter, and in his assessment, he has a clear judgement. He knows how to present even complex topics in a clear and cheerful manner.

Topics (Selection):

- Der digitale Euro - Nutzen, Funktion, Chancen und Risiken
- Digital Finance: Wie Technologie das Finanzsystem verändert
- Krise auf Krise: Bleiben die Finanzmärkte stabil?
- Bankenregulierung: Wie Aufseher ticken
- Die geheimnisvolle Welt der Zentralbanken

Publications (Selection):

- Der digitale Euro - alles, was Sie wissen müssen, 2026
- Der digitale Euro als politisches Projekt, in „integration“, IV/2025
- Und plötzlich: Inflation, 2023
- Das Potenzial unstrukturierter Daten für Finanzinstitute, Der Bank Blog,
- Climate Change: a new financial risk for central banks, Central Banking Journal, 2023
- Risiken brauchen Management, Zeitschrift für das gesamte Kreditwesen, 2021