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Opening Speaker Introduction

Daniel Markwalder has headed the Federal Chancellery's Digital Transformation and ICT Steering Sector (DTI) since 1 January 2021. The Federal Council appointed him to this position at the end of June 2020. The DTI supports and coordinates the Federal Administration's digital transformation activities.

Daniel Markwalder studied law at the University of Bern, graduating in 2001. He then completed basic studies in IT engineering at the ETH Zurich. Between 2004 and 2008, he completed a doctorate in IT law at the Faculty of Law at the University of Zurich. After holding a number of teaching positions while studying and working in the private sector, Daniel Markwalder entered the Federal Administration in 2008. As Head of Digital Certificates (PKI) and Security Products at the Federal Office for Information Technology, Systems and Telecommunications (FOITT), he was responsible for the cryptographic aspects of the strategic Swiss passport project.

At the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), Daniel Markwalder was initially Head of IT, before being appointed Deputy Secretary General from 2016 to the end of 2020, responsible for the Resources Division. The Delegate for Digital Transformation and ICT Steering reports directly to the Federal Chancellor.

Keynote Speaker Introduction

Matthias Stürmer is professor at the Bern University of Applied Sciences and Head of the Institute for Public Sector Transformation, and he is also lecturer at the Institute of Computer Science at University of Bern. His teaching, research, and consulting focus on digital sustainability, digital sovereignty, open source software, artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP), open data, and ICT procurement. Previously, he worked as a consultant at EY and project manager at Liip AG, after completing a PhD at ETH Zurich on collaboration between open source communities and technology companies, building on studies in business administration and computer science at the University of Bern. He is president of the Swiss open source association CH Open, president of the Digital Impact Network, managing director of the Swiss Parliamentarian Group for Digital Sustainability (Parldigi), and a former member of the city parliament of Bern.