

# **Dr. Johanna Wanka**

Federal Minister of Education and Research

## **CV**

Born on 1 April 1951 in Rosenfeld, Saxony; married, two children

### **1970 - 1974**

Studied mathematics at the University of Leipzig

### **1974 - 1985**

Research assistant at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences

### **1980**

Obtained doctorate (Dr. rer. nat.)

### **1989**

Active in the opposition movement in the former German Democratic Republic; founding member of the oppositional "Neues Forum" in Merseburg

### **1990 - 1994**

Member of the Merseburg District Group of "Neues Forum"

### **1993**

Appointed professor of mathematics for engineers at Merseburg

### **1994 - 2000**

Rector of Merseburg University of Applied Sciences

### **1999**

Member of the Senate of the German Rectors' Conference

**1999 - 2000**

Member of the University Council of the State of Brandenburg

**2000 - 2009**

Minister of Science, Research and Culture of the State of Brandenburg

**since March 2001**

Member of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU)

**2003 - 2010**

Member of the State Executive of the CDU in Brandenburg

**2003 - 2011**

District Chairman of the CDU Dahme-Spreewald

**2005**

President of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany

**2009 - 2010**

Chairwoman of the CDU parliamentary group in the state parliament of Brandenburg and of the CDU Brandenburg

**2010 – 2013**

Lower Saxony Minister for Science and Culture

**since February 2013**

Federal Minister for Education and Research