

Henning Bergmann

Henning Bergmann serves as CEO at SME Groups Germany (DER MITTELSTANDS-VERBUND - ZGV e. V.) since April 2024. In this role, he directs the strategy and operations of the industry body. SME Groups Germany is the leading professional association of cooperations between small and medium sized enterprises and unites companies from the retail, crafts and services sectors as well as the production industry. The association



represents around 230.000 independent entrepreneurs which are organized in about 300 groups. The legal form differs between the groups. Whereas around half of the groups reside as registered cooperatives, the other groups are limited liability companies or stock corporations. Henning Bergmann is also board member of Independent Retail Europe (IRE).

Previously from 2017 to 2024, Henning Bergmann was Managing Director / CEO at the German Derivatives Association (Deutscher Derivate Verband, DDV). Prior to this, Henning Bergmann was Head of Capital Markets at the German Savings Banks Association (Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband, DSGV) from 2008 to 2017. At the DSGV, he was responsible for representing the interests of the association's members at the national and European levels, as well as for the implementation of legislation throughout the German Savings Bank Financial Group, including MiFID and EMIR. Henning Bergmann started his career as a lawyer in the financial industry, and was Head of Investment Management and Managing Director of a subsidiary of the Lower Saxony Savings Banks Association (Sparkassenverband Niedersachsen).

Henning Bergmann has been member of the ESMA Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group since 2020. From 2015 to 2019, he was a member of the Consultative Working Group of ESMA's Investor Protection and Intermediaries Standing Committee (IPISC CWG). He also served for four years as the Chair of the Markets Regulation Committee of the European Savings and Retail Banking Group (ESBG).

Henning Bergmann graduated with a PhD in law from the University of Göttingen after studying Law and Business Administration. He lectures on a regular basis and has authored a number of publications on banking and capital markets law.