

Prof Volker Gruhn, Chairman of the Supervisory Board

“Software is transforming the world. Nowadays, an increasing number of companies no longer consider themselves a mere feature, but a cornerstone of, successful economic activities. We support our customers in preparing their employees, processes, structures and offers for advancing digital transformation with the aid of our expertise regarding industries, technologies and project management, not to mention our passion for developing good software.”

Prof Volker Gruhn, born 1963, co-founded adesso SE (formerly adesso AG) in 1997 and is currently Chairman of the Supervisory Board. He holds the Chair of Software Engineering at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Prof. Dr. Volker Gruhn has been a member of the DAK Health digitisation advisory board since 2017 and a member of the university council of Leipzig University since 1 March 2019. He is also a member of the board of curators of the Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering and a member of Bitkom’s Management Board.

At the University of Duisburg-Essen he focuses on mobile applications that are embedded in business processes and designing software processes in close cooperation with companies in the insurance industry and healthcare sector.

Volker Gruhn studied computer science at TU Dortmund University from 1982 to 1987, and gained a doctorate there in 1991. He then worked for the Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering, and spent two years as member of the executive board at a software company belonging to VEBA AG from 1994 onwards. In 1997 he became a professor of Applied Computer Science at TU Dortmund University and undertook research on developing e-business applications and component-based software architectures. This was followed by a two-month research period at Swinburne University in Melbourne in 2000. As the Chair of Applied Telematics/e-business at Leipzig University from 2002 to 2010, he researched the development of mobile, distributed software systems.

Prof Gruhn is the author and co-author of over 300 German and international publications and conference papers. He is also a member of the advisory board of BIPRO e.V. in which companies in the financial services industry pool their competencies to optimise cross-company business processes with the aid of specialist and technical standards.