

## **German Consulate General New York**

The WorldFactory International delegation from Ruhr University Bochum had an insightful meeting with Deputy Consul General Wolfram von Heynitz, Consulate General of Germany in New York. The discussion revolved around the business, entrepreneurship, and innovation landscape, providing the delegation with valuable insights into the German American context. Mr. von Heynitz shared his expertise and knowledge, shedding light on the current state of affairs and opportunities in the realm of business, entrepreneurship, and innovation. The delegation, comprised of faculty members, coaches, entrepreneurs, and founders, had the privilege of gaining a deeper understanding of the German American ecosystem and exploring potential areas of collaboration. This meeting served as a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and networking, enabling the delegation to leverage the insights shared by Mr. von Heynitz to foster future partnerships and collaborations between Ruhr University Bochum and the German American business and innovation community.

Wolfram von Heynitz is currently the Deputy Consul General of Germany in New York. Prior to this he was Head of the Cyber Policy Coordination Staff of the German Federal Foreign Office, a member of the Group of Governmental Experts on Advancing responsible State behavior in cyberspace convened in 2019 by UN Secretary-General Guterres and a member of the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence of the Council of Europe. In this position, he was also responsible for the recently published “Recommendations for the Future of Digital cooperation” which Germany and the UAE undertook at the request of the UN. Previous positions include a term as Research Commissioner of the German Federal Foreign Office and a member of its Policy Planning staff, specializing in Cyberpolicy, Cybersecurity, and, in the face of emerging challenges, the development of future directions and strategies for the Foreign Office. He has also served as Head of the Division for Foresight, in the Ministry’s EU Enlargement Division, as the Political Counsellor in the German Embassy in Tel Aviv dealing with the Middle East Peace Process and Israeli interior politics, in the private office of the Minister for European Affairs and in the Office of the Federal President of Germany. He was also posted as Deputy Head of Mission to Ireland and Azerbaijan. Before joining the Foreign Service, Wolfram graduated from the Université Paris-Sorbonne with a master thesis (Maitrise) on Artificial Intelligence and lectured in philosophy at the Free University Berlin. He studied also at the University of Marburg as well as in Harvard and holds degrees in both Law and Philosophy.