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Dr. Olaf Heilmayer has been working for more than 10 years as Marine Biologist working at research institutions in Germany, USA and the UK and published 40 studies in international scientific journals before joining DLR in 2008. Since 2010 he is Head of Unit for Multilateral Cooperation and Monitoring in the Department for European and International Cooperation. He supports the BMBF providing strategic and operational assistance with respect to the international dimension of the ERA. His unit also oversees and coordinates the 50 EU-funded Coordination and Support projects of the Department. He was managing coordinator of the INCO-DEV FP6 project (SENSOR) and actively involved as work package leader in the implementation of a variety of International Cooperation projects within FP6 and FP7, mainly focusing on North and Latin America. At the moment he is coordinator of the BILAT USA 2.0 project. The project aims to Enhancement and Development of S&T Partnerships between the European Union and the United States of America.