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## **Living in Saxony: comprehensive consulting services and innovative research activities with a large interdisciplinary network**

### Profil

Born in Waldenburg on November 27, 1952, Dr. Viehweger studied nuclear physics from 1973 to 1978 at the TU Dresden. From 1985 to 1990 he was head of the department energy of the City of Dresden. From April to September 1990 Dr. Viehweger was Minister of Construction, Urban Planning and Housing in the Cabinet of Lothar de Maizière. He was a member of the Saxon Landtag from 1990 to 1994. Since 2002 he is member of the executive board of the Verband Sächsischer Wohnungsgenossenschaften e. V.

### Research theme

Demography - shaping shrinkage, technical assistance systems, low barrier and barrier-free living space design, various forms of living, rearrangement of the residential environment and the living quarter , social services and social network design, awareness and empowerment/ competence transfer, transition processes between domesticity and health professionals, dementia and care, movement and mobility, volunteering and commitment, electric mobility

### Publications

- VSWG e.V. (Hrsg.) (2012): AlterLeben, die mitalternde Wohnung.
- VSWG, ATB und GÖZ (Hrsg.) (2015): Städtebau der Zukunft: selbstständig Wohnen bis ins hohe Alter – eine volkswirtschaftliche Analyse. Dresden
- Empirica AG (2016): Schwarmverhalten in Sachsen – eine Untersuchung zu Umfang, Ursache, Nachhaltigkeit und Folgen der neuen Wandlungsmuster.

### Professional environment

Dr. Axel Viehweger is member of the executive board of the Verband Sächsischer Wohnungsgenossenschaften e. V. (VSWG). The VSWG is an interest and auditing association. The consulting services include legal, economic, energetic and social advice on general topics, funding programmes and funding guidelines as well as on the areas of personnel development through initial training, student guidance, in-service qualification, exam preparation and further training. Furthermore, the VSWG undertakes innovative research activities within the framework of projects as well as studies and represents as an interest association the housing and housing policy interests of its members in public.

## Expertise

The expertise is based on the themes of named research topics, for which own projects and studies were carried out in the sense of scientific work and publications as well as practical implementations and trials with the housing cooperatives of the VSWG throughout Saxony. Furthermore, the VSWG is a practical partner in many research topics in the field of demography and diversity and has a large interdisciplinary network.

## Vision

Many goals come together at the topic living. The apartment should save the climate, be a health location, replace nursing homes and all this with the lowest possible rents. In order to solve this complex problem, a stronger networking of the individual departments is necessary to find cross-departmental compromises, which do not necessarily require additional money, but only willingness. Only with honesty in dealing with each other, decentralized solutions in rural areas and the holistic consideration of living quarters can set the course for the next few years.

Collaborate, think, research and act across departments!

Likewise, more policy-driven research in the field of practice is desirable as it strengthens the sustainability of concepts and developed solutions.

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