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In September 2013 Gabriele Kotulla became Vice President Group Corporate Responsibility at Deutsche Telekom and reports directly to Birgit Klesper, Senior Vice President Group Transformational Change & Corporate Responsibility. In this position, Gabriele ensures that the Group observes its responsibility towards employees, customers, investors and society. She further develops the Group-wide Corporate Responsibility (CR) strategy in the three dimensions of ecological, economical and social responsibility and manages CR in an internationally consistent manner. Furthermore, Gabriele integrates the sustainability aspect in the company's core processes, and ensures the CR stakeholder dialogue both internally and externally.