



## Colonel (DEU AF) Stefan Klenz

### Head of Directorate for Strategic Studies and Research

Military Career	
Since 2023	<b>Head of Directorate for Strategic Studies and Research,</b> Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
2020 – 2023	<b>Head of Defence Planning,</b> Permanent Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO, Brussels (Belgium)
2017 – 2020	<b>Head of Office of the Director-General for Security and Defence Policy,</b> Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin
2014 – 2017	<b>Branch Chief for Operational Policy and Concepts,</b> German Air Force Headquarters, Berlin
2013 – 2014	<b>Deputy Commandant and Chief of Staff,</b> Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer School, Appen
2012 – 2013	<b>Commander,</b> 24 Surface-to-Air Missile Group (Patriot), Bad Sülze
2011 – 2012	<b>Student on Senior Course 119,</b> NATO Defense College, Rome (Italy)
2009 – 2011	<b>Tutor on the National General/Admiral Staff Officer Course,</b> Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
2008 – 2009	<b>Desk Officer and Deputy Branch Head for Military Policy Concepts and Bilateral Relations,</b> Federal Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces Staff (Fü S) III 1, Berlin
2006 – 2008	<b>Desk Officer and Deputy Branch Head for Air Force Concepts and Capability Development</b> Federal Ministry of Defence, Air Staff (Fü L) III 1, Bonn
2004 – 2005	<b>Section Chief for Operations,</b> Headquarters 4th Air Division, Aurich
2002 – 2004	<b>Student on the 47th General Staff Officer Course (Air Force),</b> Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
1992 – 2002	<b>Operational, teaching and command assignments in ground-based air defence</b> (HAWK, ROLAND, and PATRIOT weapon systems)
1988 – 1992	<b>Economics studies</b> at the Bundeswehr University Hamburg, degree: Diplom-Volkswirt (graduate economist)
1987	<b>Entry into the German Air Force,</b> followed by officer training

### Mission Experience

2013	<b>Active Fence Turkey</b> (Strengthening NATO's integrated air defence in Turkey)
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### Awards

Gold Cross of Honour of the Bundeswehr
Silver Cross of Honour of the Bundeswehr
Bundeswehr Foreign Duty Medal in Bronze (Operation Active Fence Turkey)