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Dr Lowitzsch is Director of the [Kelso Institute Europe at Berlin](#), wherein he is undertaking applied Research on Participatory Economics and Renewables for a Sustainable Future. He holds the [Kelso Professorship of Comparative Law, East European Business Law and European Legal Policy](#) at European University Viadrina. Furthermore, Dr Lowitzsch directs the Inter-University Centre, which is a cooperation of European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Free University of Berlin, University of Split and University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

His main fields of expertise are employee and consumer financial participation, energy law, privatisation and transformation, insolvency law, European Law and legal policy, distributive justice and the renewal of the German and European welfare states.

Dr Lowitzsch has designed and supervised a variety of projects related to research, policy advice and strategy consulting as well as to knowledge transfer and communication concerning legal reform and transformation issues. The majority of projects have been complex interdisciplinary projects and transnational co-operations with partner organisations and experts from the EU-27, the United States but also other countries worldwide. He has provided political advice to European, national and local decision makers on a variety of legal and economic-related issues. Furthermore, he has worked as a team leader, legal adviser and training expert within legal reform projects in the post-Soviet countries as well as in Central and Eastern Europe.

He is the editor of the [PEPPER III \(2006\), IV \(2009\) and V \(2024\) reports](#) and the book "Financial Participation for a New Social Europe". In 2012, as an expert and team leader, Dr Lowitzsch oversaw the European Parliament study "Financial Participation of Employees in Companies' Proceeds". Furthermore, he was team leader in the project "Employee Financial Participation in Companies' Proceeds". He was project director and team leader of the DG MARKT Pilot Project "[Promotion of Employee Ownership and Participation](#)" in 2014/15. In 2020 he oversaw the Study "Incidence of employee share ownership in Germany and Europe" commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

Dr Lowitzsch directed the HORIZON 2020 project "SCORE – Supporting Consumer Co-Ownership in Renewable Energies" as coordinator; SCORE implemented Renewable Energy Consumer Stock Ownership Plans (RE-CSOPs) in four pilot regions between 2019 and 2022 ([SCORE – Horizon 2020 Final Report](#)). Currently he and his team are part of the HORIZON Europe project [WIMBY - Wind In My Back Yard](#) focussing on the acceptance of the deployment of wind power across the EU. He edited the book "[Energy Transition – Financing Consumer Ownership in Renewables – 18 country studies and a comparative analysis](#)" published in January 2019 with Palgrave/McMillan. He publishes on a wide variety of subjects concerning a just and sustainable transition to circular society.

Professor Lowitzsch speaks German as well as fluent English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Polish; he has a good working knowledge of Russian and Croatian. He studied law and Slavonic studies at Free University of Berlin and University Jagiellonski Kraków.