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Political scientist Andreas Rade, born in Bassum in 1967, has been a Managing Director of the Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) since January 2022. He is responsible for the Politics & Society division. This includes fundamental questions, economic and location issues as well as policy concerning medium-sized businesses and foreign trade. The transformation of the automotive industry is a focus in the areas of climate, sustainability and transport. The VDA offices in Brussels and Beijing are also assigned to his division.

Before starting at the VDA, Andreas Rade was managing director of the capital city office of the Association of German Mechanical and Plant Engineering (VDMA) for nine years. From 1999 to 2012 he worked in various positions at the parliamentary group Alliance 90/The Greens in the German parliament, among other things as a consultant for transport policy, head of federal/state coordination and most recently as office manager of the parliamentary group leader to this time, Renate Künast.

After studying at the Technical University of Berlin, Andreas Rade initially focused on social science mobility issues. Among other things, he examined the challenges on the path to sustainable mobility and the opportunities of a climate-neutral transformation.