

## **Michael Schäfer is the new Managing Director at Mobility Data Space**

Munich, 24.02.2022. In addition to Manfred Rauhmeier as founding Managing Director of the MDS and Managing Director of acatech - National Academy of Science and Engineering, Michael Schäfer is the second Managing Director for the Mobility Data Space. He will be responsible for the operational business and growth of the innovative data marketplace in DRM GmbH, which was newly founded by acatech and other shareholders.

The electrical engineer looks back on more than 25 years in the IT industry and brings experience in the fields of industrial automation, image processing, Internet of Things and Industry 4.0. Most recently, he headed the "Business & IT Transformation" and "IoT Application Factory" departments at Software AG in Darmstadt.

acatech President Karl-Heinz Streibich: "Following its successful launch last year, the Mobility Data Space has entered a new, decisive phase of stabilization. It is now up to Mr. Schäfer and his team to continue to successfully expand and build up the community."

acatech Managing Director Manfred Rauhmeier: "Michael Schäfer has extensive experience in various sectors of the IT industry. This breadth of knowledge of customer needs and business models is needed to enable various stakeholders in the mobility sector to access data easily, fairly and autonomously."

Michael Schäfer: "The Mobility Data Space offers enormous opportunities for society and companies to develop the mobility of the future. I look forward to the challenge of laying the foundations for this together with our partners."

### **About the Mobility Data Space:**

The Mobility Data Space is a data marketplace where equal partners in the mobility sector can exchange data in a self-determined manner to enable and further develop innovative, environmentally friendly and user-friendly mobility concepts. It is intended to promote cooperation in the mobility sector in the exchange of data. The technical design is being carried out in close coordination with European and national initiatives to ensure compatibility with Gaia-X projects as well as other European data spaces. The sponsoring company is the non-profit organization DRM Datenraum Mobilität GmbH, which emerged from a project of acatech. The German Federal Ministry of Digital Affairs and Transport is supporting the Mobility Data Space as part of a funding project.

The operating company of the Mobility Data Space is DRM Datenraum Mobilität GmbH (non-profit GmbH), which is also open for cooperation on a European level. In addition to the support organisation of acatech - National Academy of Science and Engineering, shareholders are Caruso, Deutsche Bahn, Deutsche Post DHL, HERE, HUK-Coburg Versicherung, Mercedes-Benz, BMW via BMW Intec Beteiligungs GmbH and Volkswagen via Volkswagen Group Info Services AG, as well as the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. This means that the sponsoring company is jointly supported by founding partners from all subsectors of mobility and neutrality and independence are guaranteed via acatech.