

Press release

## Accelerated Technology Transfer: Sovereign Data Space Meets Tech Talent

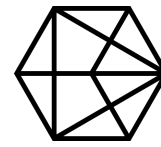
Development partnership between Mobility Data Space and CODE University of Applied Sciences brings innovative data and AI solutions to market faster.



Signing of the development partnership between Mobility Data Space and CODE University of Applied Sciences  
From left to right: Paula Neuber, Joshua Roach, Marc Augusto, Manfred Rauhmeier, Peter Ruppel, Mathes Hünsche, Martin Knobel

**Munich/Berlin, 15 April 2026** – Germany is losing pace in the international innovation rankings: in the 2025 Global Innovation Index, the Federal Republic slipped out of the top 10 most innovative economies. To counteract this innovation backlog and bring new technologies to the streets more quickly, the [Mobility Data Space \(MDS\)](#) – funded by the German Federal Ministry for Transport (BMV) – and the [CODE University of Applied Sciences](#) will collaborate on data and AI solutions in the future. The goal: to bring the sovereign data space and young tech talent together to develop innovative, marketable applications.

To ensure the successful development of innovative, digitally sovereign solutions, the MDS will actively empower students through hands-on projects and the use of real-world data. Manfred Rauhmeier, Chairman of the acatech Foundation and representative of the majority shareholder of MDS, emphasises: "With the development partnership between the Mobility Data Space and CODE, we are further breathing life into the sovereign data hub MDS – based on marketable data space technology and governance – through creative tech talent. This collaboration is a genuine innovation accelerator for a sovereign German and European data economy."

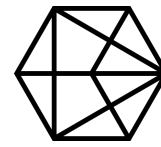


### **New solutions through Hackathons**

Together with the students, the MDS will implement various innovation formats to inspire new solutions for the mobility and logistics industry. This will include planned hackathons. "For our students, this partnership is a unique opportunity to work on the development and application of data and AI solutions in a practice-oriented way. In doing so, we enable the transfer of research results and new technologies from theory into practice," explains Peter Ruppel, President of CODE University of Applied Sciences.

MDS Managing Director Marc Augusto also sees great potential in the synergy effects of the new collaboration: "Through this development partnership, we benefit directly from the creativity of young tech talent. The students, in turn, are given the opportunity to work with high-quality, real-world data from the Mobility Data Space."

The partnership between the MDS and CODE provides fresh impetus for digital innovation in Germany – leveraging the data and sovereign technical infrastructure of the Mobility Data Space and the creative solutions of the next generation of talent from CODE University of Applied Sciences.



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## About the Mobility Data Space

The Mobility Data Space (MDS) is a data ecosystem that enables mobility sector partners to exchange data on their own terms to develop innovative, environmentally friendly, and user-centric mobility services. Its technical design is closely aligned with European and national initiatives to ensure interoperability with European data spaces. The MDS is operated by the non-profit organisation DRM Datenraum Mobilität GmbH and is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Transport (BMV).

In addition to the acatech Foundation, its shareholders include BMW INTEC Beteiligungs GmbH, Caruso GmbH, Deutsche Bahn Aktiengesellschaft, DHL Group, HERE Europe B.V., HUK-COBURG Haftpflicht-Unterstützungs-Kasse kraftfahrender Beamter Deutschlands a.G. in Coburg, Mercedes-Benz AG, VDV eTicket Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Volkswagen Group Info Services AG, and the federal states of Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria, and North Rhine-Westphalia.

## About the CODE University of Applied Sciences

CODE University of Applied Sciences is a state-accredited, private university for digital pioneers in Berlin. With its multi-award-winning educational concept, the university currently enrolls around 450 students across its English-language bachelor's programs in Software Engineering, Digital Design & Innovation, and Business Management & Entrepreneurship, as well as its master's programs in Technology & Management and Innovation Design, consistently emphasizing project-based and interdisciplinary learning. Since its founding in 2017, its students and alumni have launched over 230 companies. The university is backed by more than 50 of Germany's most successful startup entrepreneurs.