

Dr. Ferdinand Walther is the new Head of Community and Market at Mobility Data Space

Munich, 25.05.2022. With Dr. Ferdinand Walther (46), DRM Datenraum Mobilität GmbH has a new Head of Community and Market since May 2022. Walther and his team will expand the participant network of the Mobility Data Space (MDS) platform. The aim is to attract further stakeholders from industry, services, research and science, administration and politics as well as start-ups to the data exchange platform and thereby accelerate the mobility turnaround. The MDS, which is funded by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport, is a marketplace where equal partners can exchange data in a self-determined manner in order to generate new, data-based business models and more environmentally and user-friendly mobility concepts.

In expanding and shaping the MDS community, Walther benefits from his experience in various fields. The Doctor of Physics has managed joint projects in the field of hydrogen for BMW. Later, he was active as an innovation manager at Osram and at TÜV Süd for the business development of digital business models. Most recently, he drove ideas and innovations at the Webasto Group and maintained and expanded the partner network.

"The secure and trustworthy exchange of data enables a variety of new, user-centric solutions. In this way, the MDS creates a win-win situation for society and for companies – and for the climate, because optimised mobility also improves the carbon footprint of transport and traffic," says Walther and adds: "In the MDS, I can now contribute to not only further developing mobility with data-based business models, but also to strengthening competitiveness and sustainability in Europe."

Michael Schäfer, Managing Director of DRM: "We are delighted to have found an experienced team leader in Dr. Walther, who will foster the growth of our community and bring his experience in developing new ideas and technologies with user-centric methods to the table. He is the ideal addition to our team of highly talented and motivated employees. This spirit of innovation will help both our team and our community unearth previously hidden data treasures and increase the benefits of the MDS for society and businesses."



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About the Mobility Data Space:

The Mobility Data Space (MDS) is a data marketplace where partners in the mobility sector exchange data in a self-determined manner in order to enable and further develop innovative, environmentally friendly and user-friendly mobility concepts. The technical conception of the MDS is carried out in close coordination with European and national initiatives to ensure compatibility with the projects of Gaia-X as well as other European data spaces. The supporting company is the non-profit organisation DRM Datenraum Mobilität GmbH, which emerged from a project of acatech – National Academy of Science and Engineering. The MDS is funded by the Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport.

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