New partnership: MHP and STACKIT join forces

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# Sovereign cloud solutions in the Catena-X environment

- Strategic partnership between MHP and STACKIT for sovereign cloud solutions with a focus on industrial data ecosystem solutions
- Data sovereignty, GDPR and BSI compliance, and digital resilience are all key success factors
- Secure and scalable data spaces along with use cases such as certificate management and traceability that use the EDC for standardized data exchange

**Munich / Ludwigsburg** – At this year's IAA in Munich (from September 09 to 14, 2025), the management and IT consultancy MHP is forming a strategic partnership with STACKIT, the sovereign cloud provider of Schwarz Digits. The aim is to work together to provide secure, scalable, and sovereign cloud solutions for companies in Germany and Europe – with a particular emphasis on use in industrial data ecosystems such as Catena-X.

# Digital transformation with Catena-X and a sovereign European cloud

The STACKIT cloud platform forms a basis for digital transformation and possible cloudification. MHP is bringing its expertise in cloud architectures, Al solutions, and data platforms to the partnership – including market-ready SaaS products such as those from the Industrial Cloud Solution (ICS) portfolio that are already being used successfully at the Volkswagen Group. As a certified Enablement Service Provider, MHP is helping companies with the onboarding process for the Catena-X data ecosystem.

Björn Kasten, Partner at MHP, explained: "In STACKIT, we have found a partner who has embraced our vision of a sovereign, European cloud infrastructure and implemented it. Together, we are creating solutions that will not only be technologically competitive, but also meet European security, sustainability, and scalability requirements."

With the Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC) as a Service, MHP supplies a key technology that provides secure and standardized access to industrial data spaces in the Catena-X and Manufacturing-X universe, thereby promoting collaborative data use.



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### Data sovereignty as a foundation

The partnership with STACKIT addresses the growing need for digital sovereignty. Companies in Europe are faced with the challenge of protecting their data and systems from geopolitical risks and unauthorized access, while complying with increasing regulatory requirements such as GDPR, the EU AI Act, DORA, and NIS2. The combination of STACKIT infrastructure and the expertise of MHP provides a European alternative that integrates control, security, and scalability. The focus is on data sovereignty, with companies retaining sovereignty over their information at all times while benefiting from state-of-the-art cloud and AI technology.

"The cooperation with MHP represents an important step for us as part of our ongoing mission to establish a secure and sovereign European cloud infrastructure. By combining our infrastructure with the profound consulting expertise and Catena-X knowledge possessed by MHP, we are creating a sound basis for companies to implement GDPR-compliant digital innovations in a standardized manner based on values," explained Bernd Wagner, CEO of STACKIT and Divisional Board Member for Sales and Marketing at Schwarz Digits.

### Catena-X: driver of networked value creation

The Catena-X initiative serves as a blueprint for a sovereign, industry-wide data ecosystem. OEMs and suppliers can exchange data along the automotive value chain in a secure, standardized, and compliant manner. In its role as a solution provider, MHP helps to integrate suppliers and partners into the network and thus boost digital collaboration. The partnership with STACKIT enhances this offering by adding a European cloud infrastructure that is specifically tailored to the needs of industry, the automotive market, and the public sector.

### **About STACKIT**

STACKIT is the European cloud and colocation initiative of Schwarz IT, part of the Schwarz Group. STACKIT provides a secure, powerful, and GDPR-compliant cloud infrastructure that gives organizations sound foundations for digital innovations and the development of modern IT architectures.

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