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## Media information

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# "Open Source Lab" sets course for the mobility of the future

- **Open Source Lab for Sustainable Mobility launches dialogue at a round table format**
- **Initiative project of the Volkswagen Group Sustainability Council**

**Berlin, November 28, 2018 - Yesterday, the "Open Source Lab for Sustainable Mobility" has started dialogue as a platform for sustainable mobility in Berlin. It is funded by the Volkswagen Group Sustainability Council, is independent in its research agenda and is obliged to publish all research results and other results.**

"Our idea on the Sustainability Council was to create an open platform for dialogue on the future of mobility," said Gesche Joost, a professor at the University of the Arts and a member of the Volkswagen Sustainability Council. As a launch event, national and international experts from research, non-profit organizations, startups and companies discussed sustainable mobility at a roundtable.

The Open Source Lab is based on a collaborative network-driven approach. The purpose of the lab is to facilitate interdisciplinary research and a broad dialogue on sustainable mobility. It involves the public and various stakeholders. The work is based on a broader understanding of mobility and includes topics such as governance, urban planning or social justice. It is accessible on the Internet at:

<https://opensourcelab.dfki.de>

The Open Source Lab for Sustainable Mobility is realized by the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI GmbH) and is located on the EUREF campus in the center of Berlin.

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## About the Volkswagen Group:

The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products include ranges from pick-ups, buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 642,292 employees around the globe produce on average 44,170 vehicles, are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2017, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,741 million (2016: 10,297 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.1 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2017 totaled €231 billion (2016: €217 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €11.6 billion (2016: €5.4 billion).

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