

## Data4 lays the foundations on its first mega campus in Germany: a new gateway to AI, Cloud and Digital Sovereignty

- *Hesse's Minister for Digital Affairs, Prof. Dr. Kristina Sinemus, emphasizes the importance of digital sovereignty as a foundation for economic development*
- *Digitalization and sustainability: The campus in Hanau is to be powered by 100 percent decarbonized energy sources, and waste heat is to be used for district heating.*
- *Hanau Mayor Claus Kaminsky sees the region as an important location for digital infrastructure.*
- *Data4 doubles its originally planned campus investment from €1 billion to €2 billion EUR*

**Hanau, September 15th, 2025** – [Data4](#), a leading European data center operator, laid the foundations for its new data center campus on the former Großauheim military base in Hanau. The event was attended by Hesse's Minister for Digitalization and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Kristina Sinemus, Hanau's Mayor Claus Kaminsky, Nicolas Bergeret, the Consul General of France in Frankfurt, Data4's President and CEO Olivier Micheli, and a large number of guests from business and politics.

### Hanau as the first Data4 location in Germany

Data4 acquired the 25-hectare site in Hanau 18 months ago. The plan is to convert the former military base into one of the largest cloud and AI hub in Europe. With a power capacity of 180MW, it is set to become one of the most powerful facilities on the continent. The operation of the facility – comparable to the Marcoussis campus in France, which employs up to 1000 people daily – will create several hundred jobs in the region.

Data4 currently develops, builds, and operates a total of 10 data centers campuses in Europe in 6 countries. With these, the company supports its customers in expanding their digital capacities. The company is already represented in France, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Greece. For its location in Germany, Data4 has now increased its planned investments from 1 billion to over 2 billion euros. The campus in Hanau is set to become a strategic hub for data traffic in the Rhine-Main area.

*"The campus in Hanau, with its 180 MW power capacity, is an important building block for the digital transformation of both the region and Germany as a whole. Germany and Europe need to actively promote the further development of artificial intelligence. This can only be achieved if the necessary digital infrastructure is available to a sufficient extent – for example, through powerful data centres such as those being built here. AI opens up enormous opportunities, particularly for German and European companies, to significantly strengthen their innovative power and competitiveness. It is crucial that, while pursuing digitalisation, we also focus on renewable energies and use resources efficiently. The planned use of the waste heat generated shows how digitalisation and environmental protection can go hand in hand today,"* says **Hesse's Minister for Digital Affairs, Prof. Dr. Kristina Sinemus**. She also thanked her European neighbour for this sustainable investment.

### New Cloud and AI hub

Data centers are the backbone of digitalization: they store and process large amounts of data that are needed, among other things, for training and operating complex AI models. Since critical data and AI applications are located in Data4 data centers within European borders, they are subject to the highest data protection

standards. The new campus thus makes an important contribution to establishing Europe as one of the leading AI locations and strengthening the continent's digital sovereignty.

*"Germany is one of Europe's leading countries when it comes to digital infrastructure, making it a strategically important market for us. We want to develop the new campus in Hanau into one of the most powerful, sustainable, and innovative data center locations in Europe, and thus contribute to the digital future of the continent. This is just the beginning for us: we plan to further expand our presence in Germany to be the European datacenter champion, and open additional locations in the coming years,"* says **Olivier Micheli, President and CEO of Data4.**

### **Sustainability takes center stage in construction**

In line with sustainable development, this new campus will run on 100 percent decarbonized energy sources. To facilitate the energy supply, the construction of a combined heat and power plant and a substation is planned. Data4 also envisions using the waste heat from the data center for the benefit of the Hanau population. In addition, recycled demolition materials are to be reintegrated into the construction during the redevelopment of the former military site.

With this project to build one of the largest data center campus in greater Frankfurt, Hanau is not only embracing a sustainable future but also positioning itself as a major player on the European data center map, marking a significant step forward in securing the city's long-term economic and technological development.

Data4 is committed to developing sustainable projects for each of its campuses. This May, [a pioneering project](#) to convert server waste heat into biomass was launched at the Marcoussis site in France. Developed in collaboration with the Université Paris-Saclay Foundation, it represents the first step toward a new generation of biocircular data centers.

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### **About Data4**

*Data4 is a major European operator and investor in the data center market. The Group finances, designs, builds and operates its own data centers.*

*Data4 Group has pioneered an ultra-connected, resilient and sustainable data center campus model, with the aim of supporting its customers' digital growth over the long term by providing them with scalable and secure hosting solutions for their IT servers, ranging from a single rack to a dedicated building.*

*The Group is committed to a proactive approach to sustainable development through its Data4 Good program, which is based on 4 main pillars: environment, people, community and governance.*

*Data4 Group operates some of the most powerful data center campuses in Europe, with land and electricity reserves that are unique on the European market. Data4's data centers in France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Germany and now Greece are home to international cloud operators and major telecoms providers, as well as innovative tech companies and multinationals.*

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