

Schwesig: Schwarz Group's billion-euro investment in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Minister-President Manuela Schwesig and Gerd Chrzanowski, general partner of the Schwarz Group, today announced a billion-euro investment in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The Schwarz Group plans to invest up to 5.6 billion euros by 2033 in the construction of a data centre in Dummerstorf in the district of Rostock.

“This is good news for Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. A major new business location, construction contracts, jobs and greater independence in cyber security. Our state will benefit from this investment in many ways. Thank you very much for choosing Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania,” said Minister-President Manuela Schwesig at the press conference to present the project at the State Chancellery in Schwerin.

“Digital sovereignty is not achieved through appeals or speeches. It is achieved through action, through reliable infrastructure and through practical applications. We are not waiting for others to take the lead. We are taking on entrepreneurial responsibility and investing sustainably in Germany's future as a business location,” explained Gerd Chrzanowski, general partner of the Schwarz Group.

The construction of the data centre will initially mean contracts for the skilled trades and the construction industry, emphasised Minister-President Schwesig. “Naturally, we hope that as large a proportion as possible of the contracts – and thus the value added – will remain here in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The operation of the data centre will create new jobs. This investment strengthens the economic vitality of our region, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.”

A key factor in the decision to locate the centre here was the availability of large quantities of green electricity, as well as the proximity of a 380 kV power line at the Dummerstorf site. “This shows that it is right to focus on renewable energy.

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“They are not only good for the environment and the climate. They also give us a competitive edge when it comes to the economy and jobs,” explained Schwesig. She hopes that the establishment of the data centre will also have a promotional effect on other potential investors.

“The state government’s aim is for us to become less dependent on foreign providers of data centres and cloud and AI applications. We therefore also see the Schwarz Group’s investment decision as an opportunity for greater independence and enhanced data security,” said the Minister-President. “We are already working together on specific projects. It has been agreed that, in future, we will use the Schwarz Group’s STACKIT cloud platform for digital planning applications. And we are in productive discussions regarding a digital workspace for school staff based on openDesk. We hope to be able to provide further details on a concrete collaboration in this area soon.”

Schwesig thanked everyone who had made this investment decision possible.