

Events and competition formats

The Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure periodically hosts networking conferences and workshops to promote the exchange of ideas and experience between mFUND partners, experts and interested citizens.

In addition, the Ministry regularly issues invitations to mFUND competitions. Thus, during the BMVI Data Run, students, inventors and programmers can access a large data set of the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure for 24 hours and develop innovative solutions for Mobility 4.0 on the ground. The BMVI Start-up Pitch offers young entrepreneurs and founders the opportunity to convince a jury and the audience of their idea within three minutes.

Further information

Further information on the events as well as interesting facts about the mFUND and the funding of projects can be found at www.mFUND.de



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Participants of the 4th BMVI Data Run in March 2019



200 million euros for ideas on digital mobility

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mFUND: The seed capital for Mobility 4.0

Mobility is one of the major fields of digital innovation. The digital connectivity of vehicles and infrastructure elements in road, rail, waterway and air transport in combination with other mobility, spatial and weather data will revolutionize transport. This is an area where Germany wants to lead the way and make an active contribution to Mobility 4.0. For this, innovative capacity and the creativity of digital visionaries is needed.

Therefore, the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) has set up the data-based funding programme mFUND to support the development of digital business ideas for Mobility 4.0. Via the mCLOUD data portal, the Ministry is thus making available, free of charge, comprehensive mobility, transport, climate, hydrography and weather data of its executive agencies and other service providers, wholly in keeping with the open data strategy of the Federal Government. Much of the potential for innovation and the interconnection of these data has not yet been tapped and is waiting for your idea.

To promote ideas on digital mobility, the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure is providing 200 million euros within the framework of the mFUND.



The Ministry is promoting the digital entrepreneurial spirit

The mFUND supports research and development projects that focus on using the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure's data to develop new use and connectivity options, such as new navigation services, smart journey planners or highly accurate weather apps. Our funding kicks in right when digital business ideas are born and supports funding recipients in realizing these ideas - from the initial concept to the development of a prototype.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

The mFUND is open to a broad circle of funding recipients such as founders, start-ups, businesses, universities, associations, but also authorities as well as research and development institutions. To achieve network effects and bring you together with other players and their ideas, collaborative projects with cooperation partners from practice, industry and academia are highly welcome.

Turn your ideas into reality

You have an innovative idea on mobility and would like to use the data of the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure? Then apply for funding with your project and become a member of the mFUND community.



This is how it works: five steps towards financial support

- 1. Draw up a project outline**
Present your research project on not more than ten pages plus funding plan.
- 2. Submit your project outline online**
For further information visit <https://foerderportal.bund.de/easyonline> and follow the steps described there to submit your project outline.
- 3. Flesh out your project outline**
In the case of a positive appraisal, you will be requested to add more details to your description. You will have to submit further documents such as a funding plan that will become binding upon approval of the application.
- 4. Prepare your documents for a possible credit risk assessment**
A credit risk assessment is necessary to determine your private and financial reliability.
- 5. Submit your funding application**
Return to the aforementioned funding portal of the Federal Government and follow the steps of the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions (free of charge). We can also provide initial non-committal feedback on your ideas and drafts.
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