Partnership for open standards in business and industry

**Open Logistics Foundation cooperates with the**

**Open Source Business Alliance**

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**The Open Source Business Alliance and the Open Logistics Foundation will be working closely together in future. The two organisations recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The cooperation is intended to promote the use of open source in business and industry. On the part of the Open Source Business Alliance, a newly established ‘Business and Industry’ task force will drive forward the collaboration for digital sovereignty and open standards with the Open Logistics Foundation.**

The Open Source Business Alliance (OSBA) represents over 200 member companies in the open source industry. To date, the work of the Open Source Business Alliance has focussed strongly on cooperation with public administration and political decision-makers in order to promote the digital sovereignty of public administration and business through the use of open source software. The organisation's focus is also increasingly expanding to include direct cooperation with business and industry. A task force has been set up specifically for this purpose. This task force will be in regular dialogue with the Open Logistics Foundation in the future.

As a non-profit and commonbenefit organisation, the Open Logistics Foundation is dedicated to the development of publicly available open source solutions at commodity level. The organisation and its members work together to launch non-competitive open source projects for logistics.

**Promoting the visibility of open source in business and industry**

The common goal of the two organisations is to promote the exchange of information on digital sovereignty and open source – also in intensive dialogue with other business and industry associations. "Topics such as the Cyber Resilience Act, open source purchasing and the tax assessment of open source and corporate contributions are always relevant to and have an impact on our activities and those of our members. By working together, we can benefit from the expertise, networking and political work of the Open Source Business Alliance”, explains Andreas Nettsträter, CEO of the Open Logistics Foundation. "The cooperation also enables us to understand what motivates industrial companies to use open source and what reservations they may have. The Open Source Business Alliance offers us important insights here."

"Together with the Open Logistics Foundation, we can promote the increased use of open source in business and industry and make the success of open source visible in these areas. We see great synergy potential here and a win-win situation for the topic of open source”, emphasises Lothar Becker, Board Member of the Open Source Business Alliance.

More about the Open Logistics Foundation at <https://openlogisticsfoundation.org/>.

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**Image 1: From left to right: Lothar Becker, Board Member of the Open Source Business Alliance, Carina Tüllmann, COO Open Logistics Foundation, Andreas Nettsträter, CEO Open Logistics Foundation, Miriam Seyffarth, Head of Political Communications Open Source Business Alliance.**

**About Open Source Business Alliance (OSBA) e. V.**

The [Open Source Business Alliance](https://osb-alliance.de/) (OSBA) is the association of the open source industry in Germany. It represents over 200 member companies that generate more than EUR 126 billion annually. Together with scientific institutions and user organisations, it is committed to anchoring the central importance of open source software and open standards for a successful digital transformation in the public consciousness. It also aims to drive innovation in the field of open source. The aim of the Open Source Business Alliance is to establish open source as the standard in public procurement and in research and business promotion. This is because open source and open standards are essential foundations for digital sovereignty, innovation and security in the digital transformation and therefore the answer to one of the greatest challenges of our time.

**About Open Logistics Foundation**

The [Open Logistics Foundation](https://openlogisticsfoundation.org/) and its supporting association Open Logistics e. V. were founded in 2021 and are independent and neutral organisations. The non-profit and commonbenefit foundation based in Dortmund is completely financed by industry partners and is dedicated to the voluntary development of innovative open source solutions at commodity level for the logistics industry. The focus is on open and fair cooperation between different companies, which can also be competitors in the free market. The overarching goal is to solve the most pressing existing problems of the logistics and supply chain management (SCM) community with uniform standards, tools and services, based on an open source.

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