**STACKIT and BDO: New partnership for data-sovereign compliance solutions**

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* **The two partners had already jointly presented initial application examples at this year's Smart Country Convention in Berlin in October.**

**Neckarsulm, 09. December 2024** –STACKIT, the data-sovereign cloud from Schwarz Digits, and BDO AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft entered into a partnership in October 2024 to provide customers with a data-sovereign cloud infrastructure specifically for practice-oriented use cases in the German SME sector and for public sector clients. The aim of the partnership is to make it easier for these companies to move to the cloud and run specific compliance and CSRD use cases on the STACKIT cloud infrastructure.

Solutions that enable companies to meet compliance requirements efficiently and effectively play a special role here. BDO complements the data-sovereign cloud infrastructure with expertise from its many years of consulting experience in the areas of compliance, transformation and digitalization. In particular, use cases in the area of CSRD reporting or compliance with the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) should be mentioned here. The two cooperation partners presented the first joint application examples with a specific use case for sustainability reporting at this year's Smart Country Convention in Berlin in October.

The applications resulting from the partnership will be designed specifically for the success-critical further developments of corporate clients and public sector clients. In future, customers will benefit from innovative solutions based on the combination of BDO's comprehensive consulting services and STACKIT's high-performance cloud infrastructure.

Innovative solutions are in demand, especially for the increasingly complex compliance market in the face of rising regulatory requirements. As a leading auditing and consulting firm, BDO stands for the secure protection of sensitive client data in particular. "Together, we will provide a comprehensive and growing range of services for companies and public clients, such as double materiality analysis as part of ESG reporting, climate risk analysis for companies and, as part of municipal climate protection measures, the analysis and management of supplier risks as well as digital environment analysis as part of due diligence," says Walter Wolf, Member of the Executive Board, Schwarz Digits.

"The STACKIT cloud infrastructure forms the basis for modern, data-driven technologies that are essential for the digital transformation of companies and institutions. Working together, we develop efficient and innovative solutions on the data-sovereign cloud infrastructure. As a basis for this, we at BDO provide relevant business use cases that reflect the specific requirements of our clients in various industries," says Frank Wiethoff, Head of Management Advisory at BDO.

**More information**

Further information can be found at [www.schwarz-digits.de](http://www.schwarz-digits.de) and [www.stackit.de](https://www.stackit.de/de/)

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**About STACKIT**

The cloud and colocation provider STACKIT is part of Schwarz Group. External partners and customers in the DACH region can also rely on the cloud services that Schwarz Group companies have been benefiting from for years when it comes to digital transformation. With data sovereignty that goes far beyond the market standard and individual approaches to the implementation and operation of cloud solutions, STACKIT provides holistic support for digitalization projects. Headquartered in Neckarsulm the team is paving the way for an independent Europe – digital, leading. STACKIT belongs to the IT and digital division of Schwarz Group, Schwarz Digits. [www.stackit.de](http://www.stackit.de)

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