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STRENGTHENING THE BERLIN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM: FACTORY BERLIN AND NUMA BERLIN ENTER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

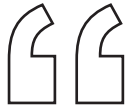
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Factory Berlin, Europe's largest innovation community, today announced their strategic partnership with the international Accelerator and Innovation Hub NUMA Berlin. The aim of the cooperation is to strengthen Berlin's innovation ecosystem of startups, corporates and experts by bringing together two of the most forward-looking network communities in the digital sector.

The partnership focuses on the exchange of knowledge about tech-trends and content between corporate innovators, industry experts and the startup community. Factory Berlin's members get access for example to numerous industry-specific workshops designed to help founders acquire or expand the knowledge they need to accelerate the growth of their businesses. Furthermore, both sides benefit from an even broader network of investors, corporate partners, startups and experts involved in Berlin's innovation scene.

Factory Berlin is the largest European innovation-community for startups, artists and creative people as well as for entrepreneurs and companies. At two locations it offers its members and partners an environment focusing on cooperation and fostering inspiration and exchange. The community spaces in Berlin Mitte and Görlitzer Park form a state-of-the-art hotspot for multicultural cooperation, high-quality, interdisciplinary business encounters, networking and mentoring. Visionaries, startups, companies and opinion leaders from various fields of technology, science, business, politics and the arts have the opportunity to get in touch with each other via a thoroughly curated membership program.

The international Accelerator and Innovation Hub NUMA supports mission-driven startups and corporate innovators from the tech sector. The focus is on supporting courageous thinkers from various sectors that want to solve business and city challenges like Smart City, Smart Industry, future of work or corporate innovation. NUMA operates in eight cities worldwide and promotes innovation and cooperation with the aim of creating the best possible solutions for the interplay between modern technologies and human creativity. Thus, NUMA's approach and strategy harmonize optimally with Factory Berlin's objectives and mode of operation.



“WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE STRENGTHS AND BENEFITS THAT A CROSS-INDUSTRY AND CROSS-FUNCTIONAL COLLABORATION IMPLICATES. OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE QUALITY AND SPEED OF INNOVATION IN THE GERMAN STARTUP ECOSYSTEM. THEREFORE, WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH FACTORY BERLIN, WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH OF THE COMMUNITIES,”
says Darius Moeini, Co-Founder & CEO of NUMA Germany.



With NUMA we gain a partner who aligns with our goal to build the society of tomorrow. By teaming up, we add value to both communities and accelerate innovation and collaboration between the brightest minds from various sectors of society. Factory Berlin offers a network of over 3000 selected members, working on solutions to change the world we live in. These are in turn granted access by NUMA to numerous workshops and opportunities for education and development”, explains Udo Schloemer, Founder, Managing Director and CVO of Factory Berlin.

ABOUT FACTORY BERLIN

Factory Berlin is an international community of innovators and changemakers who support and empower each other to create, share, and disrupt. Inspired by the diversity and exchange at Andy Warhol’s Factory in New York, Factory Berlin brings together the brightest minds from tech, politics, arts, and science into one dynamic and collaborative ecosystem. Our members’ extraordinary drive for innovation impel them to become the creators and opinion leaders of tomorrow. Founded in 2011 by Founder, MD and CVO Udo Schloemer, Factory Berlin is operating in Berlin-Mitte and Görlitzer Park - two locations totalling over 250,000 square feet of office space. Members get support with partnerships and education and have access to the community and event spaces at Factory. More information via www.factoryberlin.com.

ABOUT NUMA

NUMA Berlin is an Innovation Hub, supporting startups with their growth acceleration and corporates with their transformation journey. NUMA runs Startup Accelerators in cities across the globe and customized training, innovation, and transformation programs for corporations. NUMA has also launched its signature Smart City program DATACITY in Berlin, Paris, and Barcelona, where startups, corporates, and public institutions co-innovate to tackle urban problems.