

## Press release

### **Eisenschmidt Consulting Crew GmbH to focus on open source and digital sovereignty for the public sector with ECC Digital in 2026**

Kiel, January 2026 – Eisenschmidt Consulting Crew GmbH (ECC) has announced a strategic realignment for 2026: With the ECC Digital brand, the company will focus even more strongly on the development and provision of open source solutions for the public sector in the future. The Holtenau-based consulting firm has been supporting administrations and local authorities throughout Germany in their digital transformation for over 25 years.

‘Open source is a central building block for independent and sustainable digitalisation,’ explains Frederik Bernard, Managing Director of ECC. ‘The current political environment is making it increasingly clear how important technological sovereignty is for the public sector.’

Open source software (OSS) is already used in many administrations. The switch to open source by the authorities in Schleswig-Holstein recently attracted international attention – not least because it offers a multitude of opportunities. Open source software enables transparent processes and supports the preservation of data sovereignty and the secure availability of IT services.

In addition to advising and supporting local authorities and ministries, ECC Digital has developed the Smart City Booking ecosystem (also known as Biletado), the Smart City Vision goal and action management tool, and the LOB app, a digital platform for managing performance-based pay. The company is also working on an open-source AI solution for businesses and public administrations that complies with data protection regulations.

### **About ECC Digital**

ECC Digital is a brand of Eisenschmidt Consulting Crew GmbH, a management consultancy with over 25 years of experience in strategy and organisational development. In addition to professional and proven open source software, ECC Digital's portfolio also includes consulting services for organisations with a focus on administrations.

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