Key Data of DEKRA SE

### Revenue and Income 2017-2019

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### Adjusted earnings before taxes (EBT) in EUR million

- 2017: 228.9
- 2018: 227.9
- 2019: 210.2

### Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) in EUR million

- 2017: 236.1
- 2018: 242.3
- 2019: 227.1

### Adjusted EBIT margin in %

- 2017: 7.5
- 2018: 7.3
- 2019: 6.7

### Investment and cash flow

- Investments in EUR million
  - 2017: 89.2
  - 2018: 123.7
  - 2019: 128.3

- Cash flow from operating activities in EUR million
  - 2017: 104.3
  - 2018: 94.0
  - 2019: 343.3

### Balance Sheet

- Total assets in EUR million
  - 2017: 2,090.2
  - 2018: 2,267.0
  - 2019: 2,755.4

- Non-current assets in EUR million
  - 2017: 1,239.4
  - 2018: 1,350.9
  - 2019: 1,796.7

- Current assets in EUR million
  - 2017: 850.7
  - 2018: 916.0
  - 2019: 958.7

- Equity in EUR million
  - 2017: 635.5
  - 2018: 748.8
  - 2019: 796.3

- Equity ratio in %
  - 2017: 30.4
  - 2018: 33.0
  - 2019: 28.9

### Employees

- Number as of 31/12
  - 2017: 44,057
  - 2018: 45,197
  - 2019: 43,961

- Personnel expenses in EUR million
  - 2017: 2,021.6
  - 2018: 2,189.4
  - 2019: 2,227.9

### Revenue Business Areas

- Vehicle Inspection
  - 2017: 936.7
  - 2018: 993.6
  - 2019: 1,064.6

- Claims & Expertise
  - 2017: 535.5
  - 2018: 547.6
  - 2019: 560.7

- Product Testing
  - 2017: 203.7
  - 2018: 228.4
  - 2019: 243.9

- Industrial Inspection
  - 2017: 472.9
  - 2018: 490.1
  - 2019: 504.1

- Consulting
  - 2017: 207.2
  - 2018: 217.4
  - 2019: 220.7

- Audits
  - 2017: 92.4
  - 2018: 89.7
  - 2019: 81.2

- Testing
  - 2017: 197.3
  - 2018: 209.4
  - 2019: 219.2

- Temp Work
  - 2017: 452.8
  - 2018: 529.7
  - 2019: 471.2

- Other
  - 2017: 46.3
  - 2018: 40.4
  - 2019: 43.1

### Thoughtleaders in Safety

#### Automated Driving

**Lausitzring Technology Center**
With the DEKRA Technology Center and Lausitzring, DEKRA operates Europe’s largest independent inspection and testing center for the automated and networked mobility of the future – in an area as large as 700 soccer fields.

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At the Malaga Test Center, we are developing test scenarios for the safe networking of vehicles with each other and with the infrastructure. This is necessary for networked driving to work.

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We analyze and evaluate products according to the “Common Criteria” guidelines, one of the leading standards for security assessments.

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DEKRA AT A GLANCE

- 43,961 employees worldwide as of December 31, 2019
- 24 acquisitions over the past 2 years
- 60 countries worldwide
- 80 percent organic portion of sales growth in fiscal year 2019
- 27 million vehicle inspections in fiscal year 2019
- +17 percent revenue growth over the past 2 years, in absolute terms: +EUR 505 million
- +4,604 workforce growth over the past 3 years, equivalent to +12 percent

DEKRA established in 1925 to ensure the road safety of rapidly developing mobility. Today, DEKRA offers a broad portfolio of services for safety on the road, at work, and at home.

REAL SAFETY

Annual Report
2019 – 2020
Dear readers,

Since its founding in 1925, DEKRA has been ensuring safety. At first, attention was focused on technical safety – primarily in the automotive sector. Now, as the largest unlisted expert organization, DEKRA has expanded its activities into many diverse aspects of daily life “on the road, at work, and at home”. In addition to analog functional safety, DEKRA is also fully committed to digital security in a networked world – on five continents. This is because there is no limit to safety.

With the reorganization introduced in 2019, we can better exploit the strengths of the DEKRA Group with a view to the wide range of opportunities that digitalization offers.

Whether it’s an online monitoring system for predictive maintenance or a groundbreaking cloud solution for improving the safety of elevators – our industrial customers are safe with DEKRA.

Or the big issue of cyber security. In a networked world, it is impossible to conceive of this without considering the functional safety of products. We pool our expertise with that of external experts here. The aim is to protect customers, such as car manufacturers, reliably against cyber attacks.

And finally, artificial intelligence (AI). We will also use this to increase people’s safety. In New Zealand, our software experts have already developed a prototype of a self-learning AI system. With its help, in the future we will be able to predict the probability of failure of vehicle components with a high degree of accuracy, for example.

When it comes to new safety questions in the context of digitalization, we are Thoughtleaders. We impress here with our quality, advanced solutions, and strong customer orientation. DEKRA thereby fulfills its statutory function – of ensuring technical safety – today as in the past, both in the analog and digital world.

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
The world is being overrun with fake news. Expert organization DEKRA provides real facts to ensure technical safety in an increasingly complex world. We give well-founded answers to the urgent questions. See for yourself on the following pages.
With around 21 million members, ADAC is far and away the largest automobile association in Germany, and is also the second largest in the world. For Ulrich Klaus Becker, Vice President of ADAC, the situation is clear: “From the consumer’s point of view, it is unacceptable for the manufacturers to make decisions about the usage of vehicle data single-handedly. It is the vehicle owner who must have the control over their data.”

The ADAC is therefore demanding that the EU introduce a statutory regulation concerning free access to vehicle data which is also independent of the manufacturer. Vehicle owners should be able to control their data as they see fit. This means that they decide whether the data can be released to third parties, and they profit if it is marketed by companies with data-based business models. The demands of the ADAC also include a requirement to inform the vehicle owners what data is actually collected and how often it is transferred.

In accordance with its statutory function, vehicle safety is the focus for DEKRA. DEKRA is therefore demanding unfiltered access to all safety and environment-related vehicle data. This is because, without this data, a DEKRA expert would not be able to state reliably in court whether an accident was caused by the driver or by a driver assistance system. For this reason, DEKRA has launched the Trust Center initiative. The aim is to establish a data custodian that is independent of the manufacturer.

“From an independent inspection, we require data that is complete, unmodified, and does not come from the manufacturer’s back-end database,” states DEKRA CEO Stefan Köbl, emphasizing the need for a Trust Center. This is because it is only with the help of this type of data custodian that DEKRA will continue to be able to perform its official mandate in the future and ensure vehicle safety in a connected world.

As computers on wheels, vehicles produce a huge amount of data. But who does it really belong to? And who should be able to access what data when? ADAC and DEKRA have clear solutions for this data dilemma that take the consumer/driver into consideration.
Employees are the company’s most important resource.

Soccer tournaments, ski cups, biker meetings – at DEKRA, there are many occasions for getting together outside of the workplace. The vibrant culture of the company comes to the fore at these events, but they also show that DEKRA appreciates its employees.

“People focus is a core value at DEKRA,” explains Chairman Wolfgang Linsenmaier. “The expertise, inventiveness, and reliability of our employees are our most important resources.” It is for this reason that DEKRA nurtures a culture of trust and community.

Employees are given the freedom to help shape the future of the company and to prove their entrepreneurial flair. That is why DEKRA creates networking opportunities for exchanging knowledge and experience.

Every day, our employees dedicate themselves – using their expertise, passion, and sense of responsibility – to the matter of safety in many relevant areas of life. This is what has enabled DEKRA to keep growing over many years.”

To ensure this doesn’t change, DEKRA works continuously to maintain a working environment in which its employees have a sense of well-being. An environment with stimulating projects and tasks. But an environment in which work life is compatible with family life, as well. What’s more, DEKRA encourages every employee to develop their skills, and provides opportunities for personal development – including internationally across five continents.

Yet there are also expectations:

“Our employees always remain neutral and unbiased, and they adhere to laws and ethical principles,” explains Board member Wolfgang Linsenmaier in a nutshell. DEKRA employees also set an example in terms of safety-conscious behavior. They look for and recognize areas with the potential for further improvement, as well as new business opportunities. They demonstrate teamwork and respect with every action and are willing to exchange knowledge.

And as a global company, DEKRA is well aware of how important diversity and equal opportunity are for a business to succeed. Approximately 90 different nationalities, a good balance of ages and a constantly growing percentage of women – these aspects all speak for the successfully vibrant culture of diversity at DEKRA.
With around 150,000 employees in 40 countries, ZF primarily supplies systems for car and commercial vehicle mobility. One focus of further development is digital networking and automation: ZF allows vehicles to see, think, and act.

“We are a sought-after partner when it comes to realizing automated driving,” explains Torsten Gollewski. “This is due to our comprehensive system solutions when it comes to sensors, computing power, software, and actuators.”

The Group, which is headquartered in Friedrichshafen by Lake Constance, regularly presents innovations as part of their ZF Technology Days. The one-week event took place at DEKRA’s premises in 2019 – at the DEKRA Lausitzring in Klettwitz, which is part of the DEKRA Technology Center. ZF spent one week presenting its solutions for “Next Generation Mobility” in front of national and international media representatives and customers. The focus here was on hybrid and electric drives for cars, system solutions for automated driving, as well as integrated safety and innovative chassis technology.

Situated around 60 kilometers north of Dresden, the tracks and infrastructure of the DEKRA Lausitzring are ideal for these types of events.

“The combination of technology center, test track, and race track is not only an innovation site for mobility of the future, but also a perfect event venue,” reports Board member Clemens Klinke. The DEKRA Lausitzring is already the largest manufacturer-independent testing center in Europe when it comes to automated driving. DEKRA covers all aspects of testing there – from simulation and reproducible tests to field trials on the track. Nevertheless, DEKRA is continuing to expand its portfolio. The expansion of the test tracks is being driven forward this year with the establishment of test facilities for connected driving functions.

A new ecosystem for mobility of the future is currently emerging in Germany. Manufacturers, suppliers, research facilities, and expert organizations such as DEKRA ensure that mobility of the future is not only highly automated, but also safe.

Together we are on the path toward making mobility-related issues such as automated driving a reality.
General Manager
(DEKRA China Process Safety & Organizational Reliability)

To establish a health, safety, and environment (HSE) management system that can be used at Wanhua Chemical sites in China and overseas.

WANHUA CHEMICAL GROUP CO., LTD.
For Wanhua Chemical, a Chinese company with global ambitions, the health and safety of employees and the sustainability of processes have become key items on its agenda.

Scientific and technological innovation has always been central to Wanhua Chemical’s competitiveness. Through research and development, it has mastered a number of key technologies in the field of advanced chemical materials such as MDI and TDI technologies. MDI and TDI are materials used in the production of polyurethane (PU). Polyurethane is widely used in a huge variety of industries including automotive, furniture, rail transit, adhesives, coatings, and waterproof and protective products. Wanhua Chemical’s range has been expanded from a single product (MDI) to include polyurethane, petrochemicals, and fine chemicals.

“The number of devices, processes as well as the types and scale of products is increasing at an extremely fast pace. Gearing up to enter the global market, the integration of diversified technology, culture, and management has become a priority,” Sam Zeng, General Manager of DEKRA China Process Safety & Organizational Reliability explains.

Against this backdrop, establishing an HSE management system at Wanhua Chemical that can be used at its overseas plants has become an essential requirement to improve HSE in the long term. To this end, DEKRA has designed an innovative three-step implementation plan, including identifying a risk profile, designing a system framework, renewing a systematic audit protocol, optimizing workflow, and developing documents in the future.

As early as 2014, DEKRA provided safety culture assessment services to Wanhua Chemical. To help prevent accidents at its plants processing hazardous chemicals, Wanhua Chemical cooperated with DEKRA to promote its safety culture. About 3,800 people in the factories in Ningbo have the highest capacity for manufacturing MDI worldwide: 1.2 million tons. Especially in production halls, a pronounced safety culture is indispensable. This is true worldwide and also in China.
Yantai and Ningbo participated in a comprehensive survey. After the survey, focus groups, interviews, and action plan sessions followed. As a result, Wanhua Chemical implemented a series of measures to improve the safety culture and built its facilities with safety in mind.

Since 2018, DEKRA has established a close relationship with Wanhua Chemical to improve process safety management at factories in Yantai, Ningbo, and Zhuhai. “DEKRA took a holistic approach backed by a portfolio of services addressing every aspect of health, safety, and the environment,” says Sam Zeng. He continues:

“We worked closely with Wanhua Chemical to design tailored solutions to central issues, such as maintaining physical and mental health, protecting the environment, and preventing risks.”

DEKRA not only assisted Wanhua Chemical in complying with legal requirements, but also applied global process safety expertise to develop and support an effective, integrated process safety management program that is specific to Wanhua Chemical’s needs.

In line with high standards of safety and in order to cater to the needs of Wanhua Chemical even better in the future, DEKRA has combined extensive expertise in all key technological and environmental aspects. Since Wanhua Chemical needs to protect its operational business environment, data, people, and processes, DEKRA continues to be in close contact and discussion with senior management and project teams. Both parties combine resources to develop a robust approach to safety, and strive to achieve a perfect balance between the needs of Wanhua Chemical and the philosophy, methods, and international best practices of DEKRA.
Can AI help to predict car failures?

Seán Davidson
General Manager (Information and Technology)
VTNZ is New Zealand’s leading vehicle inspection company. Together with two partners, it developed a prototype for a predictive-maintenance solution, based on comprehensive vehicle inspection data generated in over 150 locations. Once released, the solution will help car owners identify mechanical problems before they happen.

What happens if you combine the knowledge of VTNZ’s experienced inspectors with state-of-the-art computer technology? Well, what you get is a machine-learning solution that can look at large amounts of data quickly and predict what is likely to go wrong with a specific car model, based on parameters such as type of vehicle, location, and age. Naturally, VTNZ’s prototype focuses on areas that might be subject to failure based on Government inspection requirements, such as lights, brakes, chassis, and oil leaks. However, additional data from onboard computers could be included to expand the range of predictions.

The computer continuously learns and adjusts its prediction method based on new information from inspection staff and inspections recorded digitally every day, making it much more sophisticated than any kind of statistical analysis. Currently, the solution is around 90 percent accurate in its predictions and shows a lot of promise.

“It can be considered an output of DEKRA New Zealand’s successful digital transformation,” explains Seán Davidson, General Manager Information and Technology.

“and it offers considerable business potential, as it can be integrated with fleet or driver management systems.” The concept could also be adapted to supercharge DEKRA’s Trust Center concept and deliver an even wider range of predictions and insights to motorists and manufacturers.

Mike Walsh
Head of Region Southern Africa & Oceania, Executive Vice President DEKRA Group

REGION
Southern Africa & Oceania
- 3 percent share of sales
- 1,763 employees

1 million
Annual number of car and truck inspections by VTNZ

3.9 million
Number of vehicles in New Zealand
Vincent Ravet

Dekra France

Industrial climber
Determine the degree of material damage resulting from corrosion and, thus, establish the remaining level of stability.

Ensuring safety at dizzying heights?
Exciting, but also dangerous: high above on cranes, aerial lifts, and buildings is where you’ll often see Vincent Ravet. He is one of five industrial climbers at Dekra in France and he deals with the non-destructive testing (NDT) of pipes and girders, as well as their welded joints. Specially trained and with nerves of steel, he can carry out these inspections even in extreme conditions. In summer 2019, he spent weeks in the French Alps inspecting the supporting towers of aerial lifts at the ski areas of La Plagne and Val Thorens. However, his next assignment will take him hundreds of meters below the Earth’s surface: his services are required by the CERN nuclear research center.

Hanadi Natalie

Nobina, Concordia Bus AB

Bus driver
To secure a permanent job for the very first time after receiving a bus driver license at Dekra.

Prospects provided by further education?
Years of part-time work, an unsuccessful education, and living on social security – 35-year-old Hanadi Natalie could have been discouraged. But just the opposite. She was determined to become a bus driver. In collaboration with the Roskilde municipality and Dekra, she started a course. And soon after passing her driving test, she had her first day of work at Nobina, a public transport operator. “It has changed my life. I have confidence in myself that I can do well,” she says. Over the next few years, she will be saving up to be able to take the driver training course at Dekra. She dreams of teaching others how to become bus or truck drivers.
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Brian Williams

What do we do for clean air?

DEKRA NEW MEXICO

Area Manager
(DEKRA Services Inc.)

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DEKRA performs vehicle emission tests in 17 countries around the globe.

Alongside emission checks on the cars on the world’s roads today, DEKRA’s expertise is also in demand in terms of future regulations.

DEKRA experts demonstrated the equipment used both in type approval, i.e. before a vehicle is allowed to be sold, and later, when the vehicles are in use on the roads, at a conference of high-ranking UN decision-makers in Geneva in February, 2020.

Seeing these technologies and what they are able to do can help decision-makers in drawing up regulations for future emission checks on new vehicle models, as well as those on the roads. As the world’s number one in vehicle inspections, DEKRA is committed to contributing its expertise for clean air and health protection.

The global number one in vehicle inspections now operates safety and emission check stations in seven U.S. states. Following the latest acquisition in January 2020, DEKRA has entered the market of emission tests in the state of New Mexico. Having performed state-mandated emission tests in the neighboring states of Texas and Nevada, as well as in other U.S. states, for years, DEKRA is bringing its global experience and expertise to New Mexico.

Not only do emission test regulations vary from state to state, they also vary from country to country around the globe. DEKRA experts in 17 countries perform mandatory emission tests according to the specific regulations that apply there.

Emission measurement technologies are continuously being developed further, in step with the development of vehicle technology. After all, it is essential to make sure that the benefits gained through technical innovation and progress are maintained throughout the whole life cycle of a vehicle.

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Co-owner

Providing people with reliable training on how to deal with hazardous substances and dangerous situations, without putting the trainer, trainee, or environment at risk.

Real safety? Virtual training!

Thomas Hoger

Digital technologies such as virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR) facilitate learning as well as the simulation of situations that it was previously not possible or very difficult to provide training on. DEKRA is therefore combining its innovative training expertise with 3spin, a leading and multiple-award-winning company for “enterprise mixed reality”.

"VR and AR enable people to learn procedures and motor skills in a unique manner," states Thomas Hoger, co-owner of 3spin.

Take the example of a tanker driver: VR and AR are ideally suited to increasing safety when it comes to loading and unloading processes for liquids. Mixing of products or product leakage are some of the most common mistakes that occur when unloading fuels. It is often through these types of mistakes and carelessness that environmentally harmful liquids enter into the groundwater. These types of mistakes are not just time consuming and costly; they also present a risk to the environment. With VR and AR-based training, they are avoidable.

Raising awareness of hazards and excluding them as far as possible is the aim of a further digital cooperation from DEKRA: together with the cyber security company SoSafe, companies are supported in increasing employee awareness of cyber crime. This is because phishing and other attacks cause losses of an estimated 55 billion euros annually in German companies alone.

Global damage due to cyber crime (2019)

Regional market for augmented and virtual reality (2020)
Can we become more customer-centric?

For the Renault Retail Group (RRG) in Italy, DEKRA developed and implemented a digital strategy to help Renault/Dacia in Italy become a more customer-centric organization. “Two key elements of the strategy were new dealer websites for the Renault and Dacia brands, and the coordination of different communications channels,” explains Lorenzo Pighi. “Our expertise helped RRG create more qualified leads and improve the conversion of leads into sales.” DEKRA was selected due to its knowledge in all things automotive, and because of its data-driven approach and expertise in customer-relationship management processes. Based on these criteria, DEKRA provided RRG with a tailored customer experience.

Growth as a global market leader?

Even for DEKRA, the global market leader, there is room for expansion. In 2019, Chile presented itself as a unique opportunity. In three tenders DEKRA won four concessions in the Metropolitan Area of Santiago and in the South of Chile. Ten stations will perform half a million inspections over the next four years. “Our success owes itself to the collaboration between colleagues from the Service Division, the region, and corporate functions,” explains Marcos Sanchez, emphasizing that entering the Chilean market enables DEKRA to replicate this success. “We are now able to implement inspection operations very rapidly from scratch anywhere in the world.”
The number of electronic components in vehicles is continuing to grow, due to the spread of vehicle assistance systems and increasing connectivity. Word has therefore quickly spread in the market about DEKRA’s EMC expertise. It was also a trigger for IAV, a leading engineering partner for automotive manufacturers, to seek out dialog, as IAV is faced with the challenge of providing its customers with EMC-safe products.

“We are convinced that DEKRA is the right partner,” explains Matthias Kratzsch from IAV’s Board of Management. “The company’s all-round expertise, from the Board of Management through to the testing engineer in the laboratory, is what won us over.”

DEKRA only very recently opened up a new EMC laboratory with three rooms at its headquarters in Stuttgart. This is where both individual sensors and entire components, such as gearboxes and headlights, can be tested. For example, fault signals are used to check whether they still function in a safe and reliable manner.

DEKRA had good reason to build its laboratory in the automotive-focused industrial region of Stuttgart. “Proximity to the customer is an important factor,” reports Board member Ivo Rauh. “It isn’t just experts from IAV and DEKRA that are present during the inspections, but also technicians from the automotive manufacturer.”

That is why DEKRA operates a global network of laboratories with further EMC inspection sites in Málaga and Asia. The inspections comply with national and international standards and are carried out during the development process, as well as on models in series production. The inspections comprise both initial inspections and also repeat inspections – in the event that models undergo changes.

DEKRA sees huge potential in the EMC services business field. Its partnership with IAV is an example of how the respective sets of expertise can be combined for the benefit of the automotive sector. It’s a real “triple-win” in terms of safety – everyone involved is a winner.
How efficiently can claims be processed?

Igor Di Beo wanted a partner that could cut down on processing time. DEKRA’s solution involving 80 testing stations across the country fit the bill in more ways than one.

Chief Underwriting Officer and Head of Claims

In looking for a company to process AXA Brazil’s extended warranty claims, Igor Di Beo wanted a partner that could cut down on processing time. DEKRA’s solution involving 80 testing stations across the country fit the bill in more ways than one.
When buying a new household appliance – whether an iron, mixer, or washing machine – customers in Brazil have the option of purchasing an extended warranty from insurance provider AXA. If it comes to a claim, DEKRA supports AXA in helping customers have their device repaired or replaced – quickly and efficiently.

Gabriela normally awakens to the smell of freshly brewed coffee. But on this dreary Monday morning, there is no coffee smell when her alarm finally goes off. Still drowsy from sleep, she realizes that the timer on the coffee machine has given up the ghost. Luckily, when Gabriela bought the coffee machine a year and a half ago, she also purchased an extended warranty from AXA.

For a whole range of electrical household products – from irons and mixers, to washing machines and refrigerators – AXA Brazil offers extended warranties in collaboration with retailers across the country. If a product breaks within the warranty period, and its price is under 300 reals, or roughly 65 euros, the customer is given a voucher for a replacement. DEKRA (which is a claims management specialist, amongst other things) takes care of testing, issuing the vouchers, and more.

When Gabriela leaves her apartment for work, she also packs up the broken coffee machine. During her lunch break, she brings it to a DEKRA station where a service employee tests it right away. The verdict: broken, as suspected. Gabriela receives a voucher for a replacement, which she redeems on her way home in the evening. It wasn’t always so easy for consumers, says Igor Di Beo, Chief Underwriting Officer and Head of Claims at AXA Seguros Brazil.

“In the past, customers had to bring the broken item to a repair shop and wait around a week for an assessment to be completed. They had to go back to the shop again to get a voucher for a replacement.”
replacement. The waiting time was simply too long,” Di Beo says. AXA therefore went looking for a new partner to handle warranty claims and interviewed several companies. The goal was to come up with an innovative approach to deal with warranties quickly and efficiently. Furthermore, AXA wanted an approach that would underline its image as a partner, and not just as an insurance company that pays out claims. Di Beo:

“In the end, we decided to go with DEKRA. The company showed a high degree of innovation in coming up with a solution that leverages its widely established network of 80 testing stations across Brazil. Plus, the immediate identification of a warranty case is a real boon to good customer service."

Products that have been deemed faulty – like Gabriela’s coffee maker – are kept at the DEKRA testing stations and are collected at regular intervals for environmentally responsible disposal. That’s especially good news for the environment, considering that the 80 DEKRA stations are forecast to take care of 45,000 claims per year.

When Gabriela gets home, she unboxes the new coffee machine and immediately sets it up to brew her coffee the next morning. When the smell of coffee wafts into her bedroom on Tuesday morning, she knows the day is off to a good start. Life is back to normal for Gabriela – thanks to the excellent service provided by DEKRA.
To be able to provide enough electric scooters at the right time and place on a daily basis, so that more people decide to do without their cars and make a contribution to improving air in cities.
Can we boost safety using behavior?

Safety is the result of careful work practices. Behavior-based programs have thus helped to boost safety for some time. DEKRA’s new Adaptive BBS™ solution helps to ensure effective behavior-based safety programs. “Our software combats organizational blind spots and revitalizes any behavior-based safety program,” says Tim Boyer. In 2019, a team of experts from DEKRA SMS, DEKRA OSR, and the North America region was convened by the Consulting Service Division. Around 30 new Adaptive BBS clients were then won, which drove the growth of DEKRA’s proprietary behavior database. This, in turn, will help DEKRA to further improve its digital solutions.

Can the nursing crisis be eased?

After great success in Europe, DEKRA has deployed its Expert Migration program in other regions in the world. Nursing professionals are now being qualified with the program in Brazil and prepared for work in Germany. “With our service, we play an important part in alleviating the shortage of skilled staff in nursing occupations,” explains Colin Steadman. Up to now, DEKRA has qualified more than 2,000 foreign nursing professionals at its own schools in Serbia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Ukraine, and found them positions at more than 70 clinics, rehabilitation centers, and care facilities across Germany.
Head of Technical Affairs

How do neutral testing organizations obtain independent access to relevant vehicle data? Since DEKRA will not be able to perform its official mandate of monitoring vehicle safety in the future without this data.

DEKRA E.V.

Is vehicle data safety relevant?

Connected vehicles are characterized by increasing numbers of sensor systems and automated driving functions. In the future, these functions will be expanded during the vehicle’s life cycle by over-the-air software updates. DEKRA has launched the Trust Center initiative in order to gain independent access to in-vehicle data, so that it can continue to meet its remit in a world of automated vehicles.

Especially the individual equipment features – which are constantly changing – have to be documented by an independent body. The specific scope of testing is dependent on the current functions, and should not be determined in advance!

In terms of cyber security, it is also necessary to monitor the driving functions including the associated software versions.

The state-regulated data custodian model, which stores all the safety-related and environmental vehicle data historically, is the only way to remain independent of the manufacturers and to fulfill the official mandate in the future, too. DEKRA strongly supports this cause.

“...to perform independent testing, it is essential that the data does not come from the OEM.”

SERVICE DIVISION

Vehicle Inspection

Performing periodic and non-periodic technical testing, as well as systematic emission tests for all kinds of vehicles.

Nicolas Bovier
Service Division
Vehicle Inspection, Executive Vice President
DEKRA Group

Even today, relevant data is sent by the vehicle to the OEM every 2 minutes.

Services which already result in data transfer between the OEM and vehicle today.

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Ultan Mulligan

Director
(ETSI Centre for Testing and Interoperability)

ETSI’s standards for communication between vehicles and surrounding infrastructure need to be thoroughly tested. For Ultan Mulligan, DEKRA proved to be an ideal testing partner with its facility in Málaga, Spain, supported by highly competent people.
Vehicles of tomorrow will be more connected, allowing them to issue warnings to drivers about impending dangers or approaching road works. The standards around which these solutions are built need to be tested extensively. ETSI, a major body for globally applicable standards, chose DEKRA as a partner for a week of testing in December 2019.

Two cars approach an intersection at the same time. Visibility is partially hampered by buildings and vegetation, increasing the potential for a collision. However, the two vehicles are able to communicate with one another via onboard systems before they even reach the intersection. In both cars, a warning is issued to the drivers and an accident is averted. Major car manufacturers, equipment suppliers, government agencies, road authorities, and a range of technology suppliers are currently working on solutions for scenarios like this.

GPS signals, onboard and roadside units, and a strong cellular network all play a role here – all driven by information and communication technology (ICT) standards, which set down how the different components communicate with one another. One of the largest bodies for creating ICT standards – including those for intelligent transport systems (ITS) – is ETSI.

“We’ve been developing ITS standards for a number of years,” says Ultan Mulligan, Director of the ETSI Centre for Testing and Interoperability.” It’s extremely important that we factor in interoperability, so that all solutions from all providers can work together,” he continues. Before any standard is officially launched, it is thoroughly tested – because when a vehicle communication solution is introduced to the market, there can’t be any question of whether it is working correctly.
In December 2019, ETSI collaborated with DEKRA and the 5G Automotive Association (5GAA) for the first joint Cellular Vehicle-to-Everything (C-V2x) interoperability tests. The week-long event was held at DEKRA’s Connected Vehicle Test Development Center in Málaga, Spain. The 17 different vendors that participated could screen their devices using standardized tests to verify that they comply with the original standard.

“DEKRA’s center was the perfect setting, because it allowed us to do indoor testing in a lab, followed by testing on an outdoor track. More than anything, though, DEKRA’s staff provided excellent support: they helped us organize the event, they understood what is necessary to test secure connectivity, and they supported the vendors extensively,” Mulligan is pleased to report.

In total, test scenarios were executed in 320 combinations with technologies from the 17 vendors. The field interoperability tests included intersection collision risk warning as described above, solutions for road hazard signaling, such as for slow-moving vehicles, and road works warning. Ninety-five percent of the tests showed an extremely positive level of interoperability. “The goal is to push the standards to the limit and figure out where improvements still need to be made before commercial release,” explains Mulligan.

By the way, Mulligan estimates that solutions based on the tested standards could be integrated into new vehicles in the next year or two. Until then, more testing will have to be done. “It won’t be about repeating tests, but expanding the scope to demonstrate an even greater level of interoperability,” says Mulligan. ETSI has already chosen DEKRA to organize the next round of testing – an opportunity that will give DEKRA a further possibility to strengthen its role in secure connectivity.

Interoperability is the gold standard in the age of connectivity: different technical solutions must work flawlessly at the same time.
Research & Development

To accurately measure the elastic modulus or stiffness in additive manufactured (AM) dental parts, as this has a direct effect on the design of the printed parts.

EOS Finland has had a successful relationship with DEKRA as a laboratory testing service supplier since 2013.

“As a knowledgeable and reliable partner, DEKRA in Turku is always eager to develop their tensile and impact testing methods and sample preparation capabilities to suit the needs of our AM materials,” says Juha Kohila.

The latest edition of the standard concerning metallic materials suitable for dental use (EN ISO 22674:2016) allowed new, alternative test methods for modulus of elasticity to be utilized. Project Manager and Team Supervisor Juha Ottelin explains: “DEKRA had the most versatile tensile testing equipment available and was willing to develop their methods to evaluate the suitability of the new test methods. As EOS Finland deals with materials for medical devices, the test method used had to be highly repeatable and reliable in order to draw the right conclusions concerning the performance of the final additive manufactured dental parts. DEKRA accepted the challenge and, together with EOS, successfully evaluated the suitability of several different test methods for determining the elasticity of AM material against the existing data.”

How can DEKRA serve the AM sector?

The measurement of elasticity is extremely important when designing and simulating the properties and behavior of 3D printed parts. With DEKRA’s help, EOS Finland – an AM pioneer – found new solutions for reliable and repeatable sample preparation and testing methods while cooperating in a technology project driven by DEKRA.

Sometimes, the surprising properties of new AM materials make it necessary to explore the possibilities that new tensile test methods offer.

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When it comes to safety, auditing comes into play. Audits help to verify whether companies comply with standards and regulations. This process is still mostly analog. As a first step, DEKRA has now digitized the tendering process. In the first instance, the application relates to the quality management standard EN ISO 9001 and manufacturing companies with up to 250 employees. It was developed with DEKRA personnel and customers in the USA, where it is also currently in the pilot stage. “This is the first step,” explains Dr Cem Onus. He adds: “In the future we will digitize the entire process – from the tendering stage and deployment of the auditors through to invoicing.”
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The positive development of the business also owes itself to the fact that the Supervisory Board monitors the Management Board and there is congruence in the aims for the organization. This is particularly applicable for the strategic decisions and the aim to position DEKRA right at the front of the business areas of the digital world. Initiatives like the Trust Center or our commitment to secure connectivity help to underpin DEKRA’s role as a Thoughtleader in areas such as Industry 4.0, the Internet of Things, and mobility of the future.

On behalf of the Presidential Board and the Supervisory Board, I would like to thank DEKRA’s employees for their enormous commitment. I would also like to thank all the members of DEKRA e.V, as well as our customers and business partners, for placing their trust in us.

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Dear Customers and Partners,

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Organization structure

Regions

- GERMANY
- NORTH AMERICA
- SOUTHERN AFRICA & OCEANIA
- SOUTH AMERICA
- SOUTH-WEST EUROPE
- SOUTH AMERICA
- SOUTHERN AFRICA & OCEANIA
- CENTRAL EAST EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST
- EAST & SOUTH ASIA
- SOUTH-WEST EUROPE

Service Divisions

- VEHICLE INSPECTION
- PRODUCT TESTING
- CLAIMS & EXPERTISE
- INDUSTRIAL INSPECTION
- AUDITS
- TEMP WORK

- CONSULTING
- TRAINING

Corporate Functions

- STRATEGY & INNOVATION
- IT
- HR
- ACCOUNTING

- MARKETING & SALES
- COMMUNICATIONS & BRAND MANAGEMENT
- LEGAL, COMPLIANCE & DATA PROTECTION
- CONTROLLING

DEKRA global

- Germany
  - 59 percent share of sales
  - 21,092 employees

- North America
  - 578 employees

- Central East Europe & Middle East
  - 5 percent share of sales
  - 7,620 employees

- South-West Europe
  - 1 percent share of sales
  - 307 employees

- South-East Asia
  - 16 percent share of sales
  - 7,779 employees

- South-West Europe
  - 3 percent share of sales
  - 1,743 employees

- North & South Asia
  - 2,000 employees

- South-America
  - 3 percent share of sales
  - 1,743 employees

- Southern Africa & Oceania
  - 3 percent share of sales
  - 1,313 employees

- North-West Europe
  - 55 percent share of sales
  - 10,967 employees

- South-America
  - 3 percent share of sales
  - 1,743 employees
DEKRA stands for social responsibility

Sustainability
Sustainability is an important factor for success: the growing social importance of sustainability is the background against which DEKRA continues to expand its activities. This includes internal sustainability management as well as related services that allow our customers to act more sustainably themselves.

In 2019, with a view to its 100th anniversary in 2025, DEKRA expanded its sustainability management in the key areas of the environment, human resources, the value-added chain, and reporting. Sustainability management is integrated in the entire Group. Sustainability programs are being implemented worldwide.

Environmental and Climate Management
The internal environmental and climate management has been expanded globally and firmly established by a Group-wide network of Environmental, Health, Safety (EHS) managers. Data is being recorded worldwide for optimization potential. Examples of this are an energy efficiency program that focuses on buildings, the expansion of electricity purchasing from renewable energies, more sustainability on business trips, and the promotion of digital communication and paperless processes.

Ours Employees
DEKRA is committed to its social responsibility. In 2019, a global policy statement on respect for human rights was adopted as part of the DEKRA social standards. We used a global survey to expand the dialog with our employees. It included topics such as “diversity” and “collaboration”. We identified our “Behaviors For Success” – that is, the basic values on which we work together.

Stakeholders
DEKRA has encouraged interaction with outside stakeholders such as the German Business Ethics Network on areas such as social compliance and human rights, sustainability in the supply chain, and sustainable mobility. For several years, DEKRA sustainability management...
has satisfied the criteria of the German Sustainability Code (DNK). DEKRA is audited regularly by external organizations and in 2019 was awarded the silver medal by EcoVadis.

**ORGANIZATION**

An organizational realignment in 2019 will also contribute to further progress in DEKRA sustainability management. The division of the business into eight regions and eight Service Divisions will increase internal efficiency and contribute to the sustainable development of the company.

**SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES**

DEKRA supports its customers worldwide with a wide range of offers in corporate social responsibility (CSR). The range of services has been expanded considerably. Now there are 37 services in eleven areas. For example, DEKRA experts advise and examine everything related to corporate sustainability reporting, collect and examine environmental indicators, or perform energy efficiency audits. The services also include sustainability assessments – from products to buildings to professional sports clubs.

**CAREER**

Challenging tasks, good prospects, and attractive working conditions characterize DEKRA as an employer.

**FUTURE PROOF**

DEKRA stands for future-proof jobs. The skills of our employees are as diverse as the company’s remit and services. The spectrum ranges from test engineers, experts and company doctors to sales staff, controllers, IT experts, auditors and trainers, to project or process managers.

**APPEALING**

A safe career – that’s what DEKRA offers its employees. The opportunity to contribute to the safety of people all over the world attracts young talent as well as professionals. DEKRA is particularly attractive for dedicated experts in the fields of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, process engineering, civil engineering, computer science, economics, and industrial engineering.

**APPRECIATIVE**

Connected by common values, DEKRA employees are committed to the DEKRA vision of becoming a global partner for a safe world with expertise, responsibility, and passion. DEKRA offers its employees a work environment where they can feel comfortable and develop. In addition to exciting projects and tasks, there is an atmosphere of appreciation, flexible working time models, attractive remuneration, and a balanced relationship between work and private life.

**NURTURING**

DEKRA encourages the expertise of its employees. The International Advancement Program prepares young people for international tasks and assignments.

**TEAM DIALOG**

The managers and their teams analyzed the results of a global employee survey in more than 1,000 team dialogs and came up with measures to improve leadership and communication.
DEMANDING
DEKRA demands entrepreneurial thinking, determination, social skills, and the ability to focus on customer service and to work independently.

COMMITMENT
For almost 100 years, DEKRA has been an independent expert organization committed to the safety of people. Here is a selection of initiatives and campaigns.

ACCIDENT RESEARCH
Crash tests as part of a research project by DEKRA accident research and traffic accident research by the University Medical Center Göttingen have confirmed the high level of safety of standard electric vehicles. The conclusion: electric vehicles are not inferior to conventionally powered vehicles in terms of safety.

ROAD SAFETY REPORT
The twelfth DEKRA Road Safety Report is dedicated to the subject of “children in traffic”. In it, DEKRA pleads for the advances and experiences from Germany and Europe to be applied to other regions of the world.

AWARD
The DEKRA Vision Zero Award goes to the city of Lüdenscheid in North Rhine-Westphalia. For the fourth time, DEKRA is honoring a city that has not had a single fatal accident in urban traffic for seven consecutive years.

DTM
The DTM is stopping at the Lausitzring for the 20th time in the 2019 racing series. DEKRA is the owner and operator of the Lausitzring and is also responsible for the technical acceptance of the vehicles participating in all DTM races. This makes DEKRA responsible for compliance with the technical regulations.

BRAINS
With the “Safety needs brains” campaign, DEKRA has been advocating the safety of children starting school in Germany for 15 years. Now DEKRA subsidiaries in other countries, including Sweden, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and South Africa, are also participating. So far, approximately 2.75 million signal red safety caps have been distributed to first graders.

E-SCOOTERS
E-scooters are on the road in many countries – and can now be registered in Germany. DEKRA has developed a micro-mobility safety standard for e-scooter rentals and advises cities and companies on all the important aspects such as registration, insurance coverage, driver’s licenses, helmets, and product quality.

TRUST CENTER
DEKRA is launching the Trust Center initiative. The data trust concept requires that safety and environment-related data generated by vehicles be made available to inspection organizations in an unfiltered state. Otherwise, the proper condition and safety of vehicles cannot be guaranteed in the digital world.

DEKRA AWARD
At the renowned DEKRA Award 2019, DEKRA introduced an innovation: in the new “Startups” category, the winner is determined by an audience vote. With the award, DEKRA honors top performance and innovations in the service of safety in the categories of safety on the road, at work, and at home.
**Highlights 2019**

**January**
DEKRA Arbeits Group opens two branches in Paris. The branches in France, DEKRA’s second home market, join the ranks of over 140 locations in 20 countries.

**February**
**High-level Conference**
At the annual meeting of the renowned Inland Transport Committee (ITC) in Geneva, DEKRA informs transport ministers, secretaries of state, and ambassadors from 56 countries about key topics relating to road safety.

**March**
**Precise Measurements**
DEKRA is accredited as a calibration laboratory for measuring devices in the automotive engineering sector. As a result, equipment such as brake test benches and exhaust-gas testing devices can now be calibrated across Germany.

**April**
**E-Mobility**
DEKRA boosts its commitment to ensuring utmost safety for two-wheeled e-mobility by opening a new testing laboratory at the main Stuttgart site for testing electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). It features testing equipment for e-bike batteries.

**May**
**Unfiltered Data**
Through the Trust Center initiative, DEKRA aims to ensure that official inspection tasks can be reliably performed, even in a networked world. To enable this, safety and environment-related data that vehicles generate must be made available to inspection organisations in an unfiltered state.

**June**
**Safety for Children**
The DEKRA Road Safety Report 2019 identifies scope for further improving road safety when it comes to children. A special supplement especially for children underscores just how seriously DEKRA takes the safety of our youngest road users.

**July**
**Driverless Bus**
Trials of a driverless small bus begin in a municipality in Brandenburg, Germany. The bus links the train station, the town center, and a convenience store. Technical reports from DEKRA experts underpin the trial.

**August**
**Triple Whammy of Anniversaries**
There are three milestones to celebrate at the DTM race weekend at the Lausitzring race track. Firstly, DTM and DEKRA can look back on a closely-knit partnership spanning 30 years. Secondly, it is the 20th year that the Lausitzring has played host to the DTM. And thirdly, the event marks the 500th race in the history of the DTM series.

**September**
**Entry into New Markets**
DEKRA enters the vehicle inspection market in China and Chile. Whereas preparations are still under way in Chile, DEKRA’s largest vehicle inspection station to date is already open in Beijing. The aim is for this station to inspect around 100,000 vehicles a year. Another inspection station in China, this time in Shenzhen, already started operations back in March.

**October**
**DEKRA Award**
The DEKRA Award 2019 for innovative safety is awarded to an anti-lock braking system for e-bikes from Bosch, an interactive high-visibility vest from Linde Material Handling, and a smart home application from GSW Gesellschaft für Siedlungs- und Wohnungsbau Baden-Württemberg. A solution for smart crisis management from Serinus takes the top spot in the new “Startups” category.

**November**
**Cyber Security**
By cooperating with Argus Cyber Security, DEKRA strengthens its position in this safety-critical sector. The aim is for the two partners to develop a joint portfolio of cyber security services for the mobility industry.

**December**
**Micro-Mobility**
DEKRA responds to the booming micro-mobility sector and presents a dedicated inspection standard for this area. The standard includes more than 120 items to check and enables companies such as e-scooter rental firms to prove the safety and sustainability of their vehicles.
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Employees worldwide

DEKRA is truly global. As a thoughtleader for safety, we take responsibility in around 60 countries on all continents. Our employees are passionate about people’s safety.

43,961
EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE

41,093
GERMANY

38,491
EMPLOYEES IN EUROPE

21,093
FRANCE

1,775
AFRICA

4,922
AMERICA

885
ASIA

1,052
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

DEKRA EXPERTISE WORLDWIDE
In the digital age, electromagnetic compatibility, or EMC for short, is as important as the air we breathe. This is why DEKRA has an international EMC testing network in Europe and Asia. And since recently, also at the company’s headquarters in Stuttgart – with the state-of-the-art EMC testing laboratory.

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