

# 11th session of WP.29 GRVA

**Item 11:** 

**Exchange of views on guidelines and relevant national activities** 

German Act Amending the Road Traffic Act and the Compulsory Insurance Act – Act on Autonomous Driving

## **Generic Aims of the Act on Autonomous Driving**

Increasing Road Traffic Safety

Enabling new mobility concepts

Increasing transport efficiency

Reducing of emissions

Strengthening
Germany as
location for
innovation

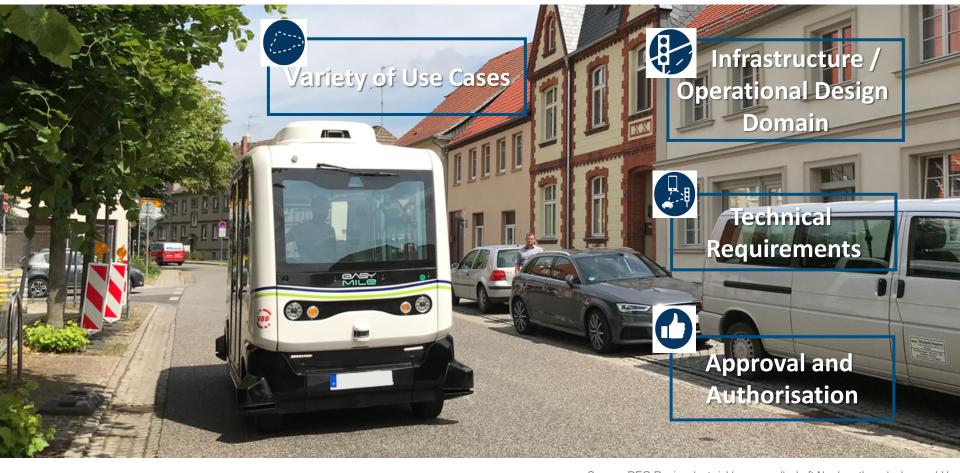
Easier test possibilities

Better participation for mobility-impaired persons





## Act on Autonomous Driving – Main Factors



Source: REG Regionalentwicklungsgesellschaft Nordwestbrandenburg mbH



## **Act on Autonomous Driving**

- Possible Use Cases could include:
  - People/Goods-Mover
- · Hub2Hub Traffic
- Fleet services

· City bus (feeder, first/last mile)

- · Call bus within certain city districts or rural/ suburban areas
- · Demand-oriented offers in off-peak times
- · Connection of companies/ factories/ leisure parks/ hospitals etc. to public transport nodes
- N1 vehicles for the distribution of goods in the city / as a replacement or supplement to large vehicles in city centers







Source: MAN Truck & Bus AG

The use of "dual mode vehicles" that offer additional autonomous functions such as Automated Valet Parking (AVP) is also regulated.





## **Act on Autonomous Driving**

#### Focus on:

- Autonomous shuttles (driverless vehicles as people mover and goods mover)
- Easier Nationwide testing of automated and autonomous vehicles

#### **Our Aims:**

- Establish a new set of rules for level 4 vehicles, going beyond experimenting with prototypes
- Enable commercialization of automated (driverless) transport of people (people mover) and goods (goods mover).

### **Our Approach:**

Three step approval process





## Act on Autonomous Driving – Three Steps of Approval

#### STEP 1

• The national Type Approval Authority (Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt) issues an approval based on a technical requirements for level 4 vehicles.

#### STEP 2

 Second approval on the specified ODD (limited geographically to a defined environment, e.g. A to B or even A<sup>2</sup>) done by regional bodies responsible under state law.

#### STEP 3

• Based on the approvals according to step 1 and step 2 the registration (receiving license plate) of the level 4 vehicles is performed.





## **Act on Autonomous Driving – Technical Requirements for the vehicles**

### Requirements for approval **Step 1**:

- **Functional** e.g. for save driving and emergency reactions
- **Technical** e.g. for communication with infrastructure needed for operation
- Operational e.g. for monitoring and owner/technical operator (outside vehicle)
- **Inspection** e.g. for regular inspections

Fulfillment is verified based on a **multi pillar approach** (Audit and Assessment, Simulation, Real world test drive)





## **Act on Autonomous Driving – Technical Requirements for the vehicles**

### Requirements for approval **Step 2**:

 Verification that the vehicle on the specified ODD (limited geographically to a defined environment, e.g. from A to B or even A<sup>2</sup>) is able to adapt fully to automated driving

### Requirements for approval **Step 3**:

 Registration for level 4 vehicles in the same manner as normal vehicles – given requirements of step 1 and 2 are fulfilled



## Act on Autonomous Driving – Easier Nationwide Testing

Differences in the local approval (at the level of the federal states (Bundesländer)) of test drives of automated and autonomous motor vehicles for manufacturers and their representatives are counteracted by the fact that a standardizing competence in this regard is now assigned to the Federal Motor Transport Authority.

Concrete requirements are set for the testing and verification.



# Thank you for your attention.

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