
GERMANY'S ONCE-VIBRANT AUTO HEARTLAND FALLS ON HARD TIMES

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Dostech, a small supplier of sealant technology in Germany's industry-rich Baden-Wuerttemberg region, shifted focus in 2018 when a surge in automotive enquiries prompted it to embark on a major electric transport project.

The move initially paid off, fuelling rapid growth and enabling the company to buy the building that now houses its headquarters in Moessingen, south of Stuttgart. But it also exposed them to Germany's carmakers, which are now mired in crisis.

[...]

"We need to look into what Baden-Wuerttemberg is doing and whether they manage this very structural change," Schmitz said. "It is at the forefront of what is currently happening in Germany."

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