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Digital Instruction

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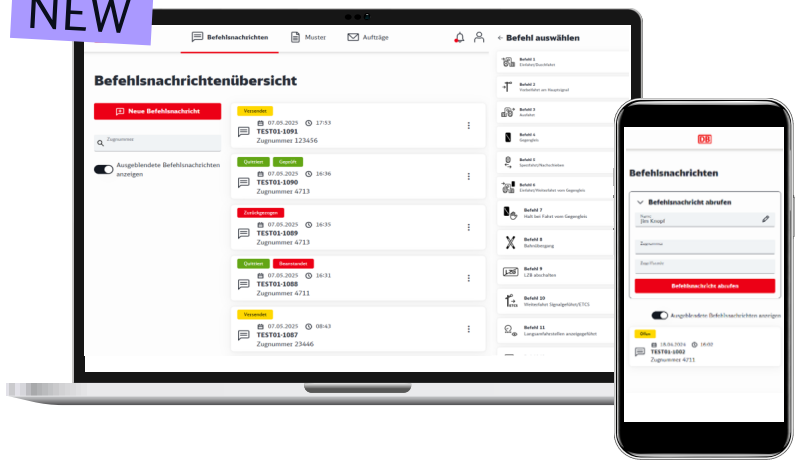
The new “Digital Instruction” simplifies the Instruction transmission process and accelerates operations

The Digital Instruction enables **digital transmission of Instructions.**

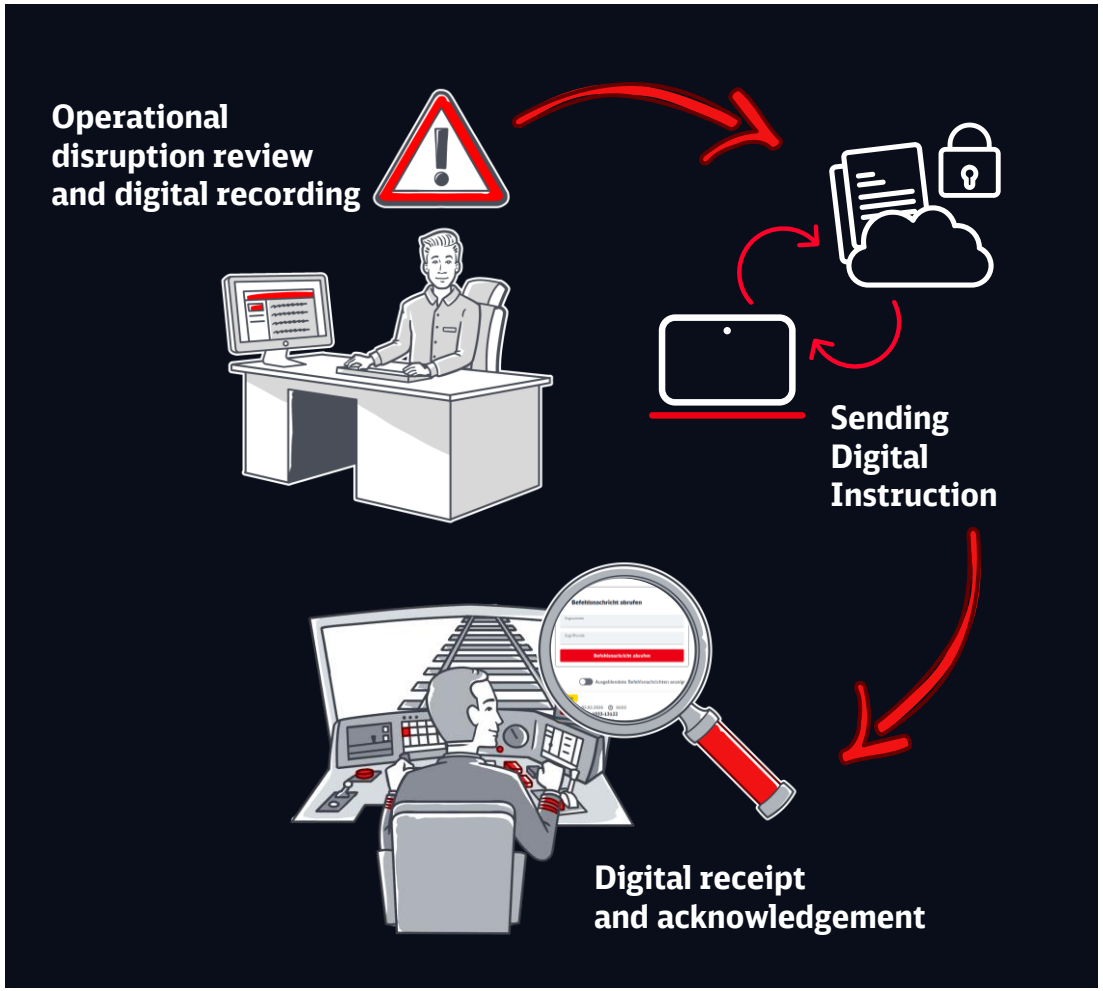
After stopping, the driver retrieves the Instruction using an **access code** and **transmits their location.**

Once the location is **confirmed** and the Instruction **acknowledged**, the journey can continue immediately.

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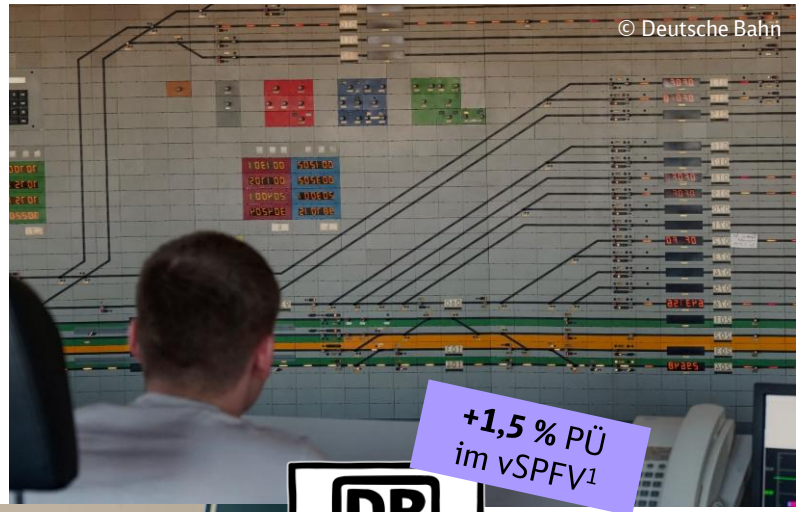
Digital application for dispatchers and train drivers



The Digital Instruction delivers noticeable and positive business impacts on multiple levels

- Faster and **modern Instruction transmission**
- More **efficient processes**
- **Automatic documentation**
- **Higher** and **improved traceability**
- **Relief** in daily operations

more Punctuality
more Transparency
more Quality
higher Resilience





(1) vSPFV = regular long-distance passenger rail servie

The Digital Instruction has been in nationwide operational testing since the timetable change

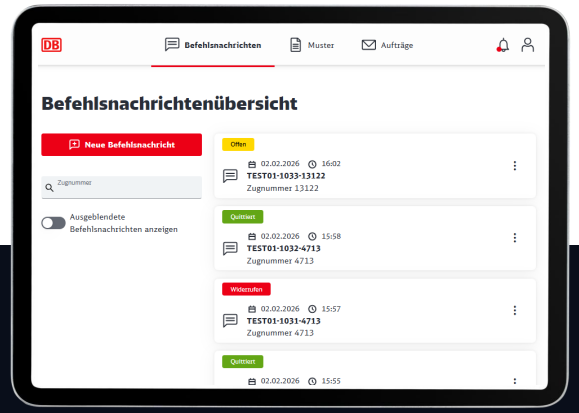
until Dec 14, 2025

Operational testing on the
Wendlingen-Ulm high-speed line

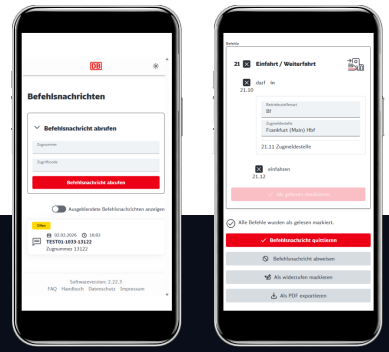


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Nationwide
operational testing



Tablet view
for **dispatchers**



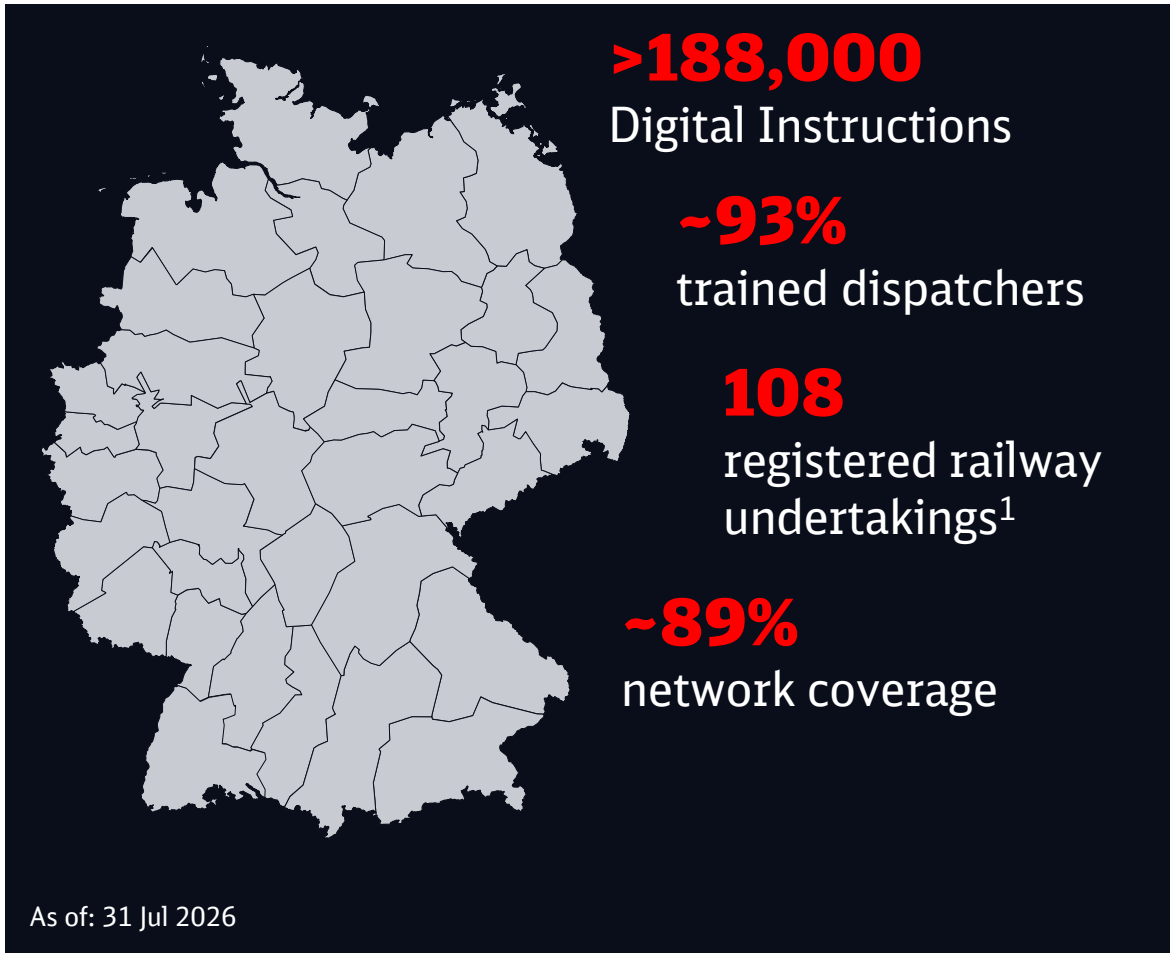
Smartphone view
for **train drivers**

from Dec 13, 2026

Digital Instruction
as standard



Rollout and use of the Digital Instruction have been a great success so far; regular operation is planned for timetable year 2027



Since the start of nationwide voluntary use, valuable insights have been gained on multiple levels

- The share of digital Instructions is currently 62.4%; **7 operations centers** and **39 networks have already fully migrated**
- For the first time, **systematic documentation** provides evidence of process stabilization in rail operations
- **Dispatcher training rollout** is currently significantly (~10%) ahead of plan
- High potential for **improving punctuality** has already been clearly demonstrated

From timetable year 2027, transition to regular operation is planned (target process according to Guideline 408)

(1) Including DBFV, DB Regio and DB Cargo

Thank you for your attention



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The “Digital Instruction” simplifies processes and accelerates operations

Contributes to

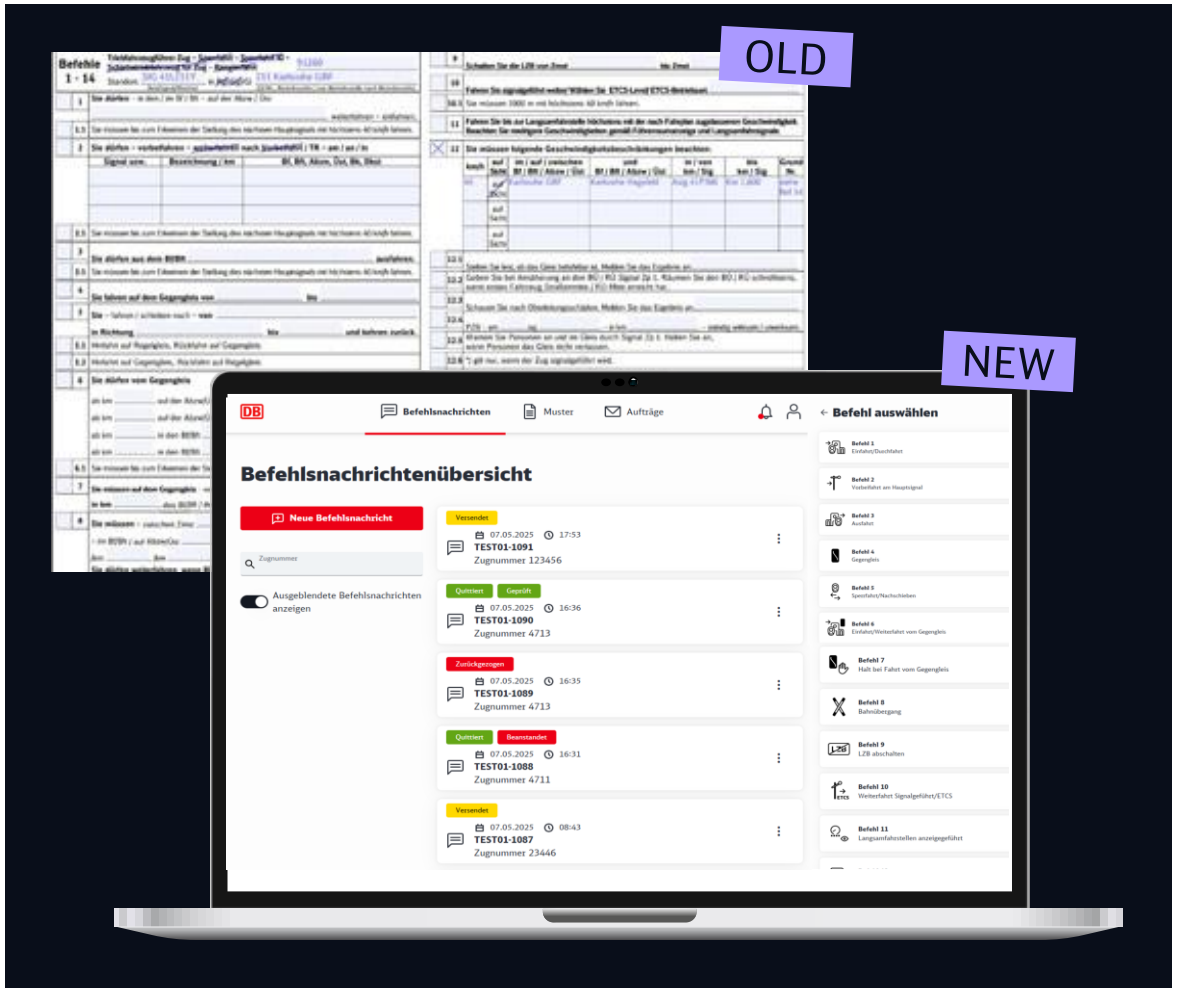
- **Punctuality:** Faster and more reliable processes support better timetable adherence
- **Transparency:** All Instructions are documented digitally and traceably, making processes clear and verifiable
- **Safety:** Clear digital transmission of Instructions reduces sources of error in operations

Initial situation

- Instructions are currently created manually by dispatchers and transmitted verbally to train drivers. This manual approach is time-consuming, error-prone and difficult to track.

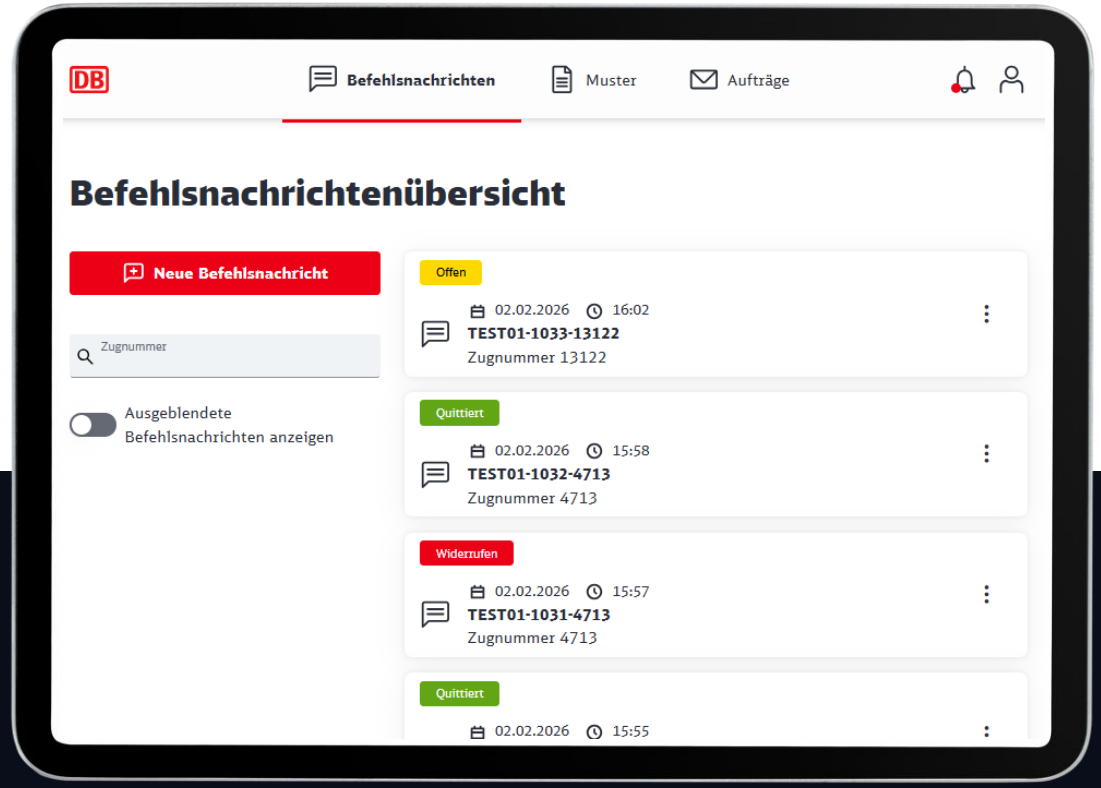
Digital Instruction

- Fast and error-free Instruction transmission
- More efficient processes
- Higher safety and better traceability
- Less documentation effort
- More punctuality, transparency and relief in daily operations

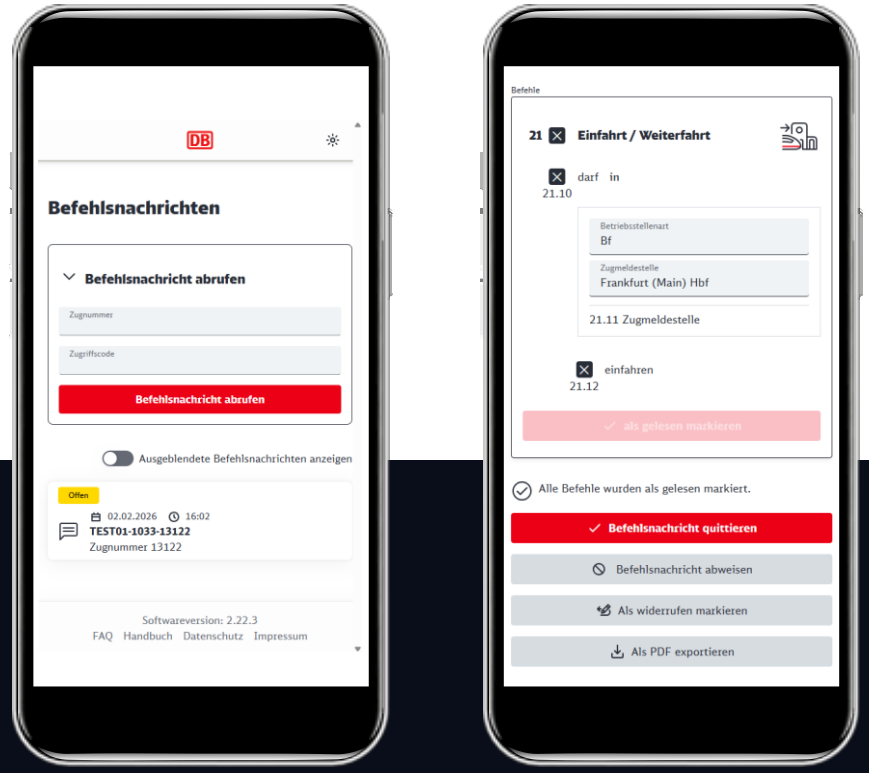


The “Digital Instruction” is browser-based and accessible via standard devices

Tablet view for **dispatchers**



Smartphone view for **train drivers**



The Digital Instruction can be used in a browser on **smartphones**, **tablets** and **desktop PCs**!

Note: The graphics show examples of the current user interface, which may still change