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FIR is a non-profit, cross-industry research and training institution at RWTH Aachen University (Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany) in the fields of business organization, information logistics and corporate IT with the aim of creating the organizational foundations for the digitally networked industrial company of the future. The institute supports companies, conducts research, and provides qualifications and training in the areas of Service Management, Business Transformation, Information and Production Management. As a research institution of the "Johannes-Rau-Forschungsgemeinschaft", FIR supports the research strategy of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) and participates in its research clusters to strengthen NRW as a hub of research and innovation. For 70 years, we have been working towards bridging the gap between research and industry to promote the companies of the future.

Knowledge multiplies best when it is shared, as we do in our research with partners from both worlds and make the results available to the public in our publications.

In this sense, we are also committed to the principle of open access. Published freely accessible on our publication portal, the research results of FIR become visible worldwide. They can be widely used and develop their impact. At the same time, our expertise becomes accessible.

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