

# **Volla Phone: German smartphone with focus on safety finds application in health and emergency sector**

*Start-up from Remscheid expands cooperation in healthcare with GnuHealth and SAFETY.brands*

**Remscheid** - With the Volla Phone X, the Remscheid-based start-up Hallo Welt Systeme last year launched a smartphone especially for outdoor enthusiasts, but also craftsmen or rescue workers. Now the secure and privacy-compliant cell phone is to be positioned more strongly in the health and emergency sector. For this reason, the startup is now working with the open source initiative GNUHealth as well as the emergency information service SAFETY.brands of the 112-login.com platform and is customizing operating systems and software for their areas of application.

## **The Volla Phone for emergency and health care workers**

With the Volla Phone, the Remscheid-based startup "Hallo Welt Systeme" around founder Dr. Jörg Wurzer launched a smartphone two years ago that, with its novel operating concept, its own operating system and consistent data protection, represents an alternative to conventional cell phones. Since then, the company has been steadily expanding its product portfolio.

The Volla Phone X, which was launched last summer, is aimed primarily at users who have particularly high demands in terms of durability. These include athletes and outdoor enthusiasts, but above all people who are professionally active in the trades, in the construction industry, in production companies or in rescue services.

Now, further areas of use are to be added and the open source smartphone is to be made attractive for the health and emergency sector as well. "While the Volla Phone X will be used for doctors, nurses and firefighters, our elegant Volla Phone 22 will be the focus for patients. Both models score with their strict data protection, in a professional context with compliance to DSGVO," says founder Dr. Wurzer.

## **New cooperation partners: GNUHealth and SAFETY.brands**

Since the company's founding, Hallo Welt Systeme has relied on partnerships. For example, with the hardware manufacturer Gigaset from Bocholt, the Ubports Foundation for the further development of its open-source operating system Ubuntu Touch, which can be preinstalled on the Volla Phone, the VPN provider Hide.me, the search engines Startpage and MetaGer for anonymous searches on the Internet, and the secure e-mail service StartMail.

Further information on the partner initiative for more data protection and independence from big tech can be found here:

<https://www.presstext.com/news/volla-startet-partner-initiative-fuer-mehr-datenschutz-und-unabhaengigkeit-von-big-techs.html>

The new areas of application are also to be developed through cooperative ventures. The company SAFETY.brands, for example, is using the possibility of a customized Volla operating system to enhance and optimize its own SAFETY-e platform 112-Login.com. This is a digital rescue card that is linked to a car via its license plate number and can be called up by the fire department in the event of a rescue operation while it is still approaching the scene of the incident. Firefighters receive important type-specific vehicle and emergency information and can use the Volla Phone X to prepare for the mission and save valuable time to free the often seriously injured persons from their vehicle. But the safety of the emergency services is also a focus here.

Another partner is the GNU Solidaro Association or the GNUHealth initiative behind it, which has developed an open source solution for managing clinics and patient data. The software is used in clinics worldwide and provides a transparent system for sharing patient data for treatment and research purposes at low cost, where the patient has control over what data is shared and with whom.

Work is now underway with Hello World Systems to offer a smartphone for doctors and nurses in hospitals to query patient data, and to bring the Personal Health Record app to a Volla Phone - in both a Linux and a Volla OS variant. It allows users to keep track of their health - with the advantage over other health apps that no data is moved to the cloud. "As part of the cooperation with Dr. Wurzer and Volla Phone, we want to give

as many people as possible the opportunity not only to determine their own patient data and share it with doctors, but also to keep an eye on and promote their health," says Selene Cordara of GNU Solidaro, underlining the motivation behind the collaboration.

### **More information about the partners:**

SAFETY-e: <https://www.safety-e.info/>

GNUHealth: <https://www.gnuhealth.org/>

### **Volla Phone: Secure alternative to classic smartphones**

The newly won collaborations once again underline the vision of the Remscheid-based mobile telephony company to offer a secure and simple alternative to big-techs like Apple or Google. In contrast to conventional smartphones, the Volla Phone does without anything that distracts the user and scores with a specially developed operating system, the Volla OS, based on an open-source Android (Android Open Source Project) or a variant with pre-installed Ubuntu Touch.

Dr. Jörg Wurzer: "With the Volla Phone, we want to give users back their freedom and control. Among other things, this also means that we can decide for ourselves with whom we share which data - always with a focus on the greatest possible protection of privacy. On the one hand, we use an open-source Android for this, but without dependence on Google or another cloud. On the other hand, we rely on partnerships that are like-minded and with which we can offer a total solution for more simplicity, security and self-determination in the mobile, digital world. We are therefore very pleased to have taken another big step forward here with SAFETY.brand and GNUHealth."

The Volla Phone 22 as well as the Volla Phone X can be accessed via the Volla webshop: <https://volla.online/de/shop/index.php?catalog/all/-/date/1>

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