

Intel's Magdeburg Megafab — A €10 Billion Subsidy That Was Never Drawn

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Quality score: 19/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

In 2022 Intel and Germany agreed a roughly €10bn subsidy for two Magdeburg chip fabs, promising €30bn of investment and 3,000 jobs. After repeated delays Intel cancelled the project in July 2025 without drawing the funds — a cautionary chip-sovereignty case.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability	0/3
Sustainability / continuity	0/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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