nachrichtenleicht — Deutschlandfunk's Nationwide News in Simple German, Run Without a Dedicated Newsroom

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Germany

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Public broadcaster Deutschlandfunk publishes news in Einfache Sprache (simple German) online since 2013, on radio weekly since 2017, plus WhatsApp and a daily podcast since 2026 — but reports no usage figures or formal evaluation.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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