**MoveSafety Hackathon**

**Team Mercedes Benz**

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We participated in this Hackathon because to gain new experiences, meeting new people and being part in creating something cool. Our team understood that the objective of the Hackathon was to create a platform to help people to move safety, either literally be safe or having a more comfortable feeling of being safe. This also should fit the culture or society in Germany, since there is already such an app regarding this topic in China.

The biggest challenge for our team was to find out what make people feeling unsafe was and how what they do to feel safer. In the end we decided that solutions for different target groups are needed rather than one for everyone. We therefore aimed at parents and making them feel comfortable when their child walking walks to school itself, especially in big cities. We wanted the parents informed in cases for example something suspicious or irregular happens to their child during the route. Our focus was not on parents “helicoptering” their children but on being notified in case something suspicious or irregular happens to their kids during their way to school.

We came up with the application idea “Safe Emma” to with individual functions for parents and children. Unfortunately, we were running out of time so could not integrate specific kids features, like games to learn traffic sign. Since there was also a discussion about children and smartphones, we thought about implementing the app it in smart watches or creating special wristbands.

The Hackathon was a great way to bring theory in real practice and helped us to experience teamwork, using different tools and how to pitch our idea.