

## Press Release

### **Kubermatic Raises \$6M Seed Funding to Accelerate Growth of Their Open Source Kubernetes Automation Platform**

- The investment round was led by Nauta Capital with Celonis co-founders Bastian Nominacher and Martin Klenk joining the round as angel investors
- Use of containers in production has risen by 300% since 2016 and 91% of organizations running containers use Kubernetes for orchestration
- Enterprises leverage Kubermatic Kubernetes Platform to automate operations of hundreds of Kubernetes clusters across any infrastructure

**Hamburg, November 10, 2021** - Kubermatic, creator of the widely adopted Kubermatic Kubernetes Platform (KKP), has raised \$6M in seed funding, led by Nauta Capital. With Bastian Nominacher and Martin Klenk, co-founders of Celonis, renowned angel investors joined the round. Kubermatic Kubernetes Platform fully automates all aspects of operating Kubernetes clusters in hybrid- and multi-cloud as well as on the edge. The company will use the seed funding to increase open source adoption, broaden the international customer base and accelerate product innovation.

According to the Cloud Native Computing Foundation ([CNCF](#)), use of containers in production has risen by 300% between 2016 and 2020 and 91% of organizations running containers use Kubernetes for orchestration. The leading technology research and consulting house [Gartner](#) predicts that by 2022, more than 75% of organizations will be running containerized applications in production. At the same time, only an estimated 5% of all enterprise applications have been containerized so far. As a result, Gartner expects container management software and services to rapidly grow and reach \$944M in 2024.

With several global enterprise companies using Kubermatic Kubernetes Platform to automate and drive their transformation towards cloud adoption, some of Kubermatic's existing customers include T-Systems MMS, Allianz, and Siemens. Sebastian Scheele, CEO and co-founder of Kubermatic said: "Our vision is to help customers achieve power through automation. We build the world's most adaptable and autonomous software delivery platform because we want IT teams to focus their time on writing innovative applications that rival the likes of Amazon and Google."

Guillem Sague, Partner at Nauta Capital, commented: "Over the last five years, we have seen Kubernetes become the leading technology for container orchestration. Kubermatic has been an early adopter and is one of the main contributors to the Kubernetes project. Therefore we are excited to partner with a European OSS company that is a front runner in their industry."

Martin Klenk, co-founder and CTO at Celonis added: "At Celonis, we pioneered process mining to run business operations entirely on data and intelligence. Containers and Kubernetes are essential to achieve the flexibility, speed, and resilience companies need for scalable business models like ours. Among our enterprise customers, I can observe that container technologies and Kubernetes are becoming the standard for multi-cloud, hybrid-cloud and edge strategies to modernize existing IT infrastructures. I strongly expect Kubernetes to prevail for all mission-critical enterprise applications in the medium term. For this reason, I am truly excited to join Kubermatic's seed financing round."

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### **About Kubermatic**

Kubermatic empowers organizations worldwide to automate all aspects of their Kubernetes and cloud native operations across multi-cloud, edge and on-prem data centers. As a Top 6 corporate committer to the Kubernetes Project for over three years, Kubermatic develops enterprise-grade software solutions and provides professional services to safely navigate and accelerate the cloud native transformation. Leading enterprises including Allianz and Siemens trust Kubermatic on their cloud native journey. The company was founded in 2016 by Sebastian Scheele and Julian Hansert and is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. <https://www.kubermatic.com/>

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