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Dear Members,

The GAIA-X Funding Competition: "Innovative and practical applications and data rooms in the GAIA-X digital ecosystem" is open.

Funding is provided for pre-competitive projects to develop use cases, that is concrete application examples with a lighthouse character that demonstrate the technological viability, the benefits of GAIA-X, the economic feasibility and usability as well as the social acceptance of innovative digital technologies and applications. This can be done within an existing or a new domain within GAIA-X or across domains.

Funding aim

The results should generate impulses for further demand for GAIA-X-based data-driven applications and data spaces, both in Germany and internationally, and at the same time ensure connectivity for other interested parties.

Within the framework of the GAIA-X funding competition, lighthouse projects can be funded between **10 to 15 million euro each**. Providers and users are encouraged to develop and implement use cases. At the same time, the establishment of data spaces based on the GAIA-X infrastructure will be promoted. They build the cornerstone for a digital ecosystem creating incentives for data sharing.

Participation

Collaborative projects consisting of a minimum of three and a maximum of ten partners and including at least one SME and/or start-up are eligible to participate. The duration of the individual projects should not be less than 18 months and not exceeding 36 months.

Two-stage procedure

The application is made in a two-stage process. The process begins in the first process stage with a sketch template, with a deadline **7 May 2021**. The project sketches received are in competition with one another.

In the second stage of the process, those interested with project outlines that have been positively assessed are requested to submit complete formal funding applications with a detailed description of the project as well as a work, financial and exploitation plan by **23 July 2021**.

Members are encouraged to show their interest to GAIA-X team as soon as possible in order to build the best consortium by the first week of May.

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