



Press Release

ECSEL / KDT JU Executive Director on the launch of KDT

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The Official Journal of the EU published the “Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe”: ECSEL JU now officially becomes the **Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking**.

Executive Director of ECSEL JU, and now of KDT JU, Bert De Colvenaer: “With the publication of the Single Basic Act today, the Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU) takes a jumpstart. Integrating the legacy of the ECSEL JU, KDT JU’s ambitions are higher, faster and smarter. With all partners contributions, the total R&I project volume will exceed 7 B€; operational synergies with other instruments will seal the announced close ties with, and expectations from, the KDT JU. The overall KDT JU scope will cover the ECS value chain and include more software and silicon photonics. I’m particular happy with ‘Key’ in the name. Let’s now all work together to realise its ambitions. “

In addition to running an important new RD&I programme on electronics technologies, KDT will continue to support the ongoing ECSEL JU projects.

About KDT Joint Undertaking:

The “Key Digital Technologies JU” (KDT-JU) is a Joint Undertaking established in 2021 by the European Union Council Regulation No 2021/2085. It is a public-private partnership that will engage, for 2021 to 2032, up to EUR 1.8 billion funding from the European Union’s Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, combining it with a commensurate amount of national/regional funding and participants’ own contributions. The KDT partnership will support the digital transformation of all economic and societal sectors, make the transformation work for Europe and support the Green Deal. The R&D actors are represented by the associations AENEAS, INSIDE and EPoSS.

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