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## KDT JU Launches Calls for 2021

The newly established Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU) is pleased to announce the opening of their first Calls for Proposals today.

The action, comprising three concurrent Calls for Proposals addressing 5 topics (two general, two addressing topics of special strategic importance, and a support action), accesses a funding budget in excess of € 360 million from the EU (via the Horizon Europe programme) and from the national funding authorities of the Participating States.

The Calls are open to any organisation who are eligible for funding in their KDT JU Participating State, and can make a meaningful contribution to the research, development and innovation programme of KDT JU. Full details of how to apply can be found on the KDT JU website ([kdt-ju.europa.eu](http://kdt-ju.europa.eu)).

Yves Gigase, Head of Programmes at the KDT JU Office: "I'm really impressed and excited by what our team has achieved here. There was of course some prior preparation, but the devil is always in the details, and those details depended on decision made in our first governance meetings held only a few days ago. I think this clearly demonstrates the efficiency and agility of our office in being able to support the electronic components and systems RD&I community in Europe. This Call has really got KDT JU off to a flying start. Alongside the still running projects of the predecessor JU ECSEL, who we are of course still fully supporting, the fruits of all of these projects are there to help us all, in the end. After all, electronics are fundamental to the functioning of our society, from helping keep people healthy, greening up our energy and mobility and securing meaningful jobs for the future."

### 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, as successor to the ECSEL JU, which came into force on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 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, comprising the European Commission, on behalf of the European Union, Participating States and 3 European Industry Associations (Aeneas, Inside and EPoSS) will support the digital transformation of all economic and societal sectors, make the transformation work for Europe and support the Green Deal.

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