

PRESS RELEASE

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KDT JU opens its second Calls for Proposals on the 3rd of May 2022

Today, the KDT Joint Undertaking launches 2 concurrent calls for proposals, – one for “Innovation Actions” (KDT-IA), one for “Research and Innovation Actions” (KDT-RIA). The Governing Board and the Public Authorities Board of the recently formed Joint Undertaking adopted all decisions necessary to launch the 2022 Call proposals with an estimated combined public funding exceeding EUR 254 million on Horizon Europe funds.

This year’s technical focus topics are industrial supply chain for silicon photonics, design of customisable and domain specific open-source RISC-V processors, and smart electronic systems supporting the Green Deal goals. The technical topics are derived from the common ECS Strategic Research Agenda published by AENEAS, EPoSS and INSIDE Industry Associations, representing the industrial and academic Electronic Components and Systems research community in Europe.

Bert De Colvenaer, Executive Director of KDT JU, summarises: “We are delighted to announce the opening of the second round of Calls for Proposals for KDT Joint Undertaking, the successor to ECSEL JU. This call is prepared in a very short period of time and launched only 5 months after the first call. I would like to thank the whole KDT JU governance for all its efforts for a smooth and timely decision-making. We are in full swing now and we will make KDT JU another very successful programme for the entire ECS sector.”

The KDT JU Programme is open to any organisation meeting the specific eligibility criteria relevant in each KDT JU Participating State and/or eligible to participate in the Horizon Europe Programme. More information about the calls is available on the KDT JU website (see the Call information page for details).

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 30th 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, 30 Participating States and 3 European Industry Associations (Aeneas, EPoSS and Inside) 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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