



Press Release

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KDT JU completes the selection of new projects from the Calls for Proposals of 2021

The Public Authorities Board of the KDT Joint Undertaking has recently awarded 13 new research projects addressing 5 topics (two general, two covering topics of special strategic importance such as development of open-sources RISC-V building blocks, processing solutions for AI at the edge addressing the design stack and middleware, and a support action, calling for a Pan-European chip infrastructure for design innovation) totalling over 300 million from the EU (via the Horizon Europe programme) and from the national funding authorities of the Participating States.

The awarded projects are the first research projects selected under the newly formed Joint Undertaking, concluding its' first Calls for Proposals launched in the end of 2021, right after the KDT JU has come to life.

These 13 awarded proposals – Newlife, HICONNECTS, Powerized, AGRARSENSE, SHIFT, TRISTAN, BRIGHTER, Listen2Future, A-IQ Ready, CLEVER, EdgeAI, REBECCA, and RETICLES - will sign the grants soon and launch their activities later this year and are expected to secure crucial advancements for achieving the European Green Deal and digital transformation goals.

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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