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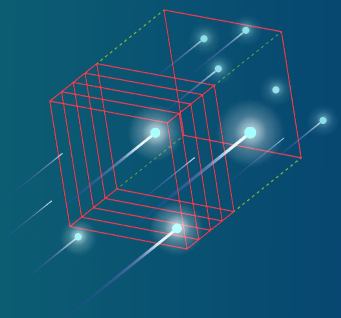

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# i-Spaces: the backbone of the European Innovation ecosystem

**17 November, Copenhagen, Denmark — The European Big Data Value Forum (EBDVF) 2025,** the main event of the European Research and Innovation Data and AI community, of the highest importance for the data and AI technology trends landscape, witnessed an important announcement from the Big Data Value Association (BDVA). Two new organisations joined the i-Spaces community, after obtaining their BDVA i-Space label for the first time. On the 13th November, during the i-Spaces ceremony, the Commissariat à l'energie atomique et aux énergies alternatives and poltextLAB were officially welcomed within the community by BDVA President Thomas Hahn and BDVA Vice-president Laure Le Bars. On the same day, DIHGIGAL, was granted a label of a new tier - the Platinum BDVA i-Space label, as a result of the progress that the organisation made, especially in relation to their participation in the European projects.

**DIHGIGAL** is an EDIH based in Galicia - one of the least digitalised regions of Spain. In this challenging environment, DIHGIGAL supports the local companies with access to infrastructure and training, to help the innovation, especially in the sector of manufacturing.

**Commissariat à l'energie atomique et aux énergies alternatives** is a French public government-funded research organisation in the areas of energy, defence and security, information technologies and health technologies. CEA-List, one of three institutes of CEA, runs an open innovation platform that helps partners develop their products in a quick and efficient way.

**poltextLAB** is a research lab based at the ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest, focussing on applications of text mining and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to social science research problems.

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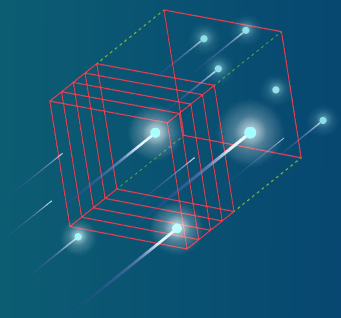

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The i-Space label is a quality standard that serves as a benchmark, supporting organisations in their growth and enabling them to achieve their ambitions of expanding their networks and increasing their impact. The entities that have obtained the i-Space label make up a community of 33 hubs across 22 countries in Europe, creating unique opportunities for collaboration and the development of synergies. Today, the i-Spaces community is a large European network of federated hubs promoting data innovation and AI experimentation, all based on secure data-sharing and computing infrastructures. By joining forces, these organisations have formed a pan-European super-core, combining computing power, ethical frameworks, business models, and more, resulting in a federated catalogue that accelerates the progress and adoption of data-driven innovation and AI technologies across Europe.

The BDVA acknowledges the i-Spaces as key tools for advancing data-driven innovation within Europe. These cross-sector and cross-organisational innovation hubs act as pivotal points for regional technology businesses to develop their products. i-Spaces speed up the adoption of data-driven innovation in commercial areas such as Manufacturing, Logistics and e-commerce. By offering secure, accelerator-type environments for experimentation with both private and open data, i-Spaces facilitate the development of new technologies and applications across the whole Europe. i-Spaces are present in many of European initiatives, including AI Factories, AI Antennas, Testing and Experimentation Facilities and European Data Innovation Hubs.

The evaluation process conducted by BDVA emphasises excellence in the following domains: infrastructure, services, projects, ecosystem/impact, business/sustainability strategy, federation capabilities and ethics.

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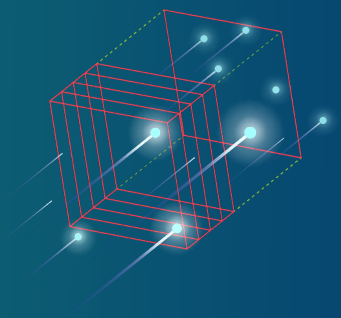

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## About BDVA:

BDVA is an industry-driven international not-for-profit organisation with 250 members all over Europe and a well-balanced composition of large, small and medium-sized industries, start-ups as well as research and user organisations. We focus on advancing in areas such as big data technologies and services, data platforms and data spaces, Industrial AI, data-driven value creation, standardisation and skills. Our mission and objectives are:

·To boost Data and AI research, development and innovation for European competitiveness, societal wellbeing and sustainable progress
·To develop the innovation ecosystem that enables and accelerates the data-driven and AI-enabled digital transformation of the economy and society, with European values and focus but global impact and ambitions.
·To foster excellence in European Data and AI research, in science and business.
·To anticipate, lead and keep up with the dynamic change that Data and AI brings to business and society.

BDVA is a private member of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and it is a founder member of the AI, Data and Robotics Partnership (Adra). BDVA has developed a strong and growing cooperation with Gaia-X, IDSA and FIWARE through the Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA) and collaborates with many data and industry-driven AI national initiatives and other European communities.

BDVA is open to new members! Visit bdva.eu to learn more about members and activities. You can contact us anytime at info@bdva.eu.

## About EBDVF 2025:

The European Big Data Value Forum (EBDVF) is the flagship event of the European Big Data and Data-Driven AI Research and Innovation community. EBDVF 2025 took place in Copenhagen from 12-14 November and highlighted Europe as a main stage for Global Leadership in AI & Data. It brought together over 470 industry professionals, business developers, researchers and policymakers to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the Europe in AI and data.