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80 Million Euros to be awarded by the European Commission to SMEs and Startups using FIWARE Technologies

Munich will hold ECFI on September 17th/18th, an event where developers, accelerators, politicians and entrepreneurs will work on the Internet of the Future.

August 27th, Brussels. More than one thousand enterprises and app developers using the FIWARE technologies will benefit from the economic support awarded by the European Commission. The FIWARE Program starts its third phase with a budget of more than 100 million euros (80 million of which will be destined to SMEs and entrepreneurs); a phase that will be presented at the European Conference on Future Internet (ECFI) on September 17th/18th in Munich.

The presence of the sixteen accelerators responsible for launching the open calls, mentoring and sponsoring the participants will allow the latter to show them their Future Internet (FI) projects personally.

During ECFI Munich 2014, participants will take part in workshops and hear success stories, so that they can become familiar with other projects developed since 2011 and created thanks to the FIWARE technology, which is one of the most ambitious efforts of the European Commission in collaboration with FI private enterprises.

"The Internet is an amazing opportunity for any kind of innovator", explains Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission. At this meeting point (which will be streamed live) for developers, accelerators, politicians and entrepreneurs, the latest FI technologies will be discussed, as well as their use in strategic sectors of the European economy such as health, transport, education, energy, agriculture or smart cities.

Participants, who can register at **www.ecfi.eu/munich2014**, will get to know first-hand the latest projects and developments of the Internet of the Future, together with the main agents of this transition lead by FIWARE. "If you are a startup or small business with a bright idea for a new app or service, ECFI is a great way to make your digital dream come true", says Neelie Kroes, leader of the European Digital Agenda.

The first edition of ECFI took place in Brussels last April. These meetings are intended to gather the different key actors in innovation. ECFI's and FIWARE's aim is to create a sustainable, profitable and innovative ecosystem to boost business growth. For that purpose, an open, innovative, cloud-based and open source platform is now put on the table; a platform that will provide a more direct access to the development of services and products based on FIWARE technologies.

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