FundingBox, Clean Carbon, Red Hat, Telefónica
became the Key Sponsors of the 8th FIWARE Global Summit

Berlin, September 2, 2022 – FIWARE Foundation, the non-profit organization that encourages the adoption of open standards using Open Source technologies for the development of smart solutions on a global basis — proudly announces the distinguished Global Business Sponsor and Keystone Sponsors of the **8th FIWARE Global Summit** this year taking place on 14-15 September in Gran Canaria (Spain). This leading open source conference is supported by world-wide market drivers, thought leaders and game changers such as **FundingBox** (our Global Business Sponsor), **Clean Carbon, Red Hat** and **Telefónica** (our Keystone Sponsors) who are playing a significant role for the Summit.

With fresh contributions from these Sponsors, the Global Summit will cover latest innovations, real success stories, hands-on guidelines and strategic highlights from the Open Source and FIWARE world. The Summit will give insights into many of the +**300 Smart Cities** that are using FIWARE technology and platforms**, references in AgriFood, Industry, Energy, Water, Tourism**, **Health** and the **Green and Blue Agendas**, trends of the future coming from the creation of **Digital Twins, Data Spaces, Smart Data Models,** and will combine a variety of activities ranging from lessons learnt to best-practise digital transformation journeys of cities and communities to cross-domain innovation strategies, from in-depth explorations of disruptive technologies to global and local innovation strategies, including interactive talks and a 'World Cafè' about the new Data Spaces world.

Cristina Brandtstetter, CMO at FIWARE Foundation, commented: "We are very much proud of having such meaningful and top organisations such as FundingBox, Clean Carbon, Red Hat and Telefonica fully supporting the FIWARE Global Summit 2022 as some of our most precious sponsors. FIWARE allows global access to a fantastic and growing network driving the open source and open standards market, building brand awareness, increasing market adoption, and adding to each other's brand image. There is so much to be gained from this type of strategic partnership. We are excited to jointly offer to our Summit participants a fine selection of opportunities to meet peers, executives and technical specialists alike, and engage with them at our first ever Wall of Fame, FIWARE's new exhibition concept. Diverse networking and party moments make our joint journey a 360 degrees approach for sustainable results. All FWIARE Community can meet the sponsors Executives and their teams at the Summit and discuss how to form collaborations and partnerships, and progress together with open source and open standards towards innovative, inclusive, and sustainable business models around smart solutions".

This September, the 8th FIWARE Global Summit marks a triumphant return of the engaging in-person format. Meet together with us during two days full of content and engaging moments:

Fundingbox is a long-term Gold Member of FIWARE Foundation that has already taken part in numerous projects and initiatives that accelerate technical and business development. FundingBox supports entrepreneurs at every stage of their growth journey with adapted public and private funding opportunities. The team of professionals helps corporates and VCs to find the perfect startup and

scale-up match so that they can boost their innovation processes and maximise their return on investment. Since it is not just about the amount of money but also how it is invested that makes a difference, the deep tech communities that are present in the FundingBox platform benefit from over 30,000 funding stakeholders, who share experiences and knowledge and thus trigger exponential growth. In 2020 FundingBox with FIWARE and iSHARE launched the i4Trust Initiative that will mobilise 5.8 million euros to Boost Data Sharing and Facilitate SME Innovation Capability through the creation of Data Spaces, providing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with the tools, coaching, mentoring and financial support needed for the creation of Data Spaces.

Clean Carbon is a European blockchain environmental protection project that recently joined FIWARE as a Gold Member. The company was born to develop new ways of connecting blockchain technology with effective environmental initiatives. CleanCarbon is involved in accelerating circular and net-zero economies by building green infrastructures that make a real difference. The team of experts introduces state-of-the-art UHTG (ultra-high-temperature-gasification) technology to produce valuable and highly sought-after energy products and new materials besides supplying energy for the community. Through digitalisation over FIWARE and Blockchain technology - with CARBO Token - the company incorporates Governments, companies and citizens into the Smart Circular Economy. CleanCarbon ticks multiple boxes in the current geopolitical landscape and is entitled to solve challenges in various specified categories of the European Union's SDGs. From the pilot installation in the Canary Islands, it is getting ready to tackle global pollution with its digitalized Waste-to-Energy system powered by FIWARE, especially for Smart Environments.

Red Hat is the world's leading provider of enterprise open source software solutions, using a community-powered approach to deliver reliable and high-performing Linux, hybrid cloud, container, and Kubernetes technologies. Red Hat helps customers integrate new and existing IT applications, develop cloud-native applications, standardize on our industry-leading operating system, and automate, secure, and manage complex environments. Award-winning support, training, and consulting services make Red Hat a trusted adviser to the Fortune 500. As a strategic partner to cloud providers, system integrators, application vendors, customers, and open source communities, Red Hat can help organizations prepare for the digital future. Cooperation with Red Hat is essential to fuel the evolution of Open Source as the cornerstone of the digital revolution. It allows us to co-create with one another, and more importantly, it enables our joint users to develop more sophisticated and interoperable solutions. Thus, we can further help organizations to be successful in the implementation of open IoT, Smart Cities and edge computing solutions.

Telefónica, is the leading company in digital transformation. The company offers a wide range of services and integrated technological solutions for Cyber Security, Cloud, IoT, Big Data, and Blockchain. Telefonica's strategy relies on two axes: our corporate mission - make the world more human by connecting people's lives - and the responsible business principles, including Telefonica's key beliefs, and responsible policies towards key stakeholders and societies at large. As a FIWARE Platinum Member, the company is not only an outstanding FIWARE technology user but also an integral and powerful success factor of the growth journey in Spain, in Europe and across the globe. Telefónica has been holding a seat in FIWARE's Board of Directors since its foundation. Today the company shows an important market presence through their FIWARE-based Thinking Cities Platform and through the implementation of several FIWARE iHubs in Spain.

Discover Open Source-based innovations, business opportunities, FIWARE technology or training, meet **FundingBox**, **Clean Carbon, Red Hat** and **Telefonica** Executives and their driving teams during the **8th FIWARE Global Summit** and its side and networking events here:

- FIWARE Global Summit (Sep 14-15): Your admission ticket on **eventbrite**;
- FIWARE Dinner & Cocktail Party (Sep 15): Your admission ticket on **eventbrite**;
- FIWARE Technical Training (Sep 13-16): Your admission ticket on **eventbrite**.

To become a FIWARE member and be part of this successful and growing global community, check out our **Membership Brochure** with all benefits, and sign up **here.**

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About FIWARE Foundation

Together with its members and partners, FIWARE Foundation drives the definition – and the Open Source implementation – of key open standards that enable the development of portable and interoperable smart solutions in a faster, easier and affordable way, avoiding vendor lock-in scenarios, whilst also nurturing FIWARE as a sustainable and innovation-driven business ecosystem. Serving diverse domains, FIWARE is today the world leading Open Source technology for the digitization of smart cities and regions.

The foundation achieves this through its offering of reference architectures, standard building blocks, roughly 1,000 Smart Data Models, a standard API, its 28 Innovation Hubs (iHubs), the FIWARE Marketplace, and the support of its fast-growing global community that shares a common vision and combines their efforts toward making FIWARE the Open Source technology of choice for industries, governments, universities and associations to reach their full potential and scale up their activities, thereby, entering new markets and growing their businesses. Founded in 2016, the foundation has Atos, AWS, Engineering, NEC, Red Hat, Telefónica and Trigyn Technologies among its 535+ members. For further information, visit fiware.org and follow the organization on Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube**.**